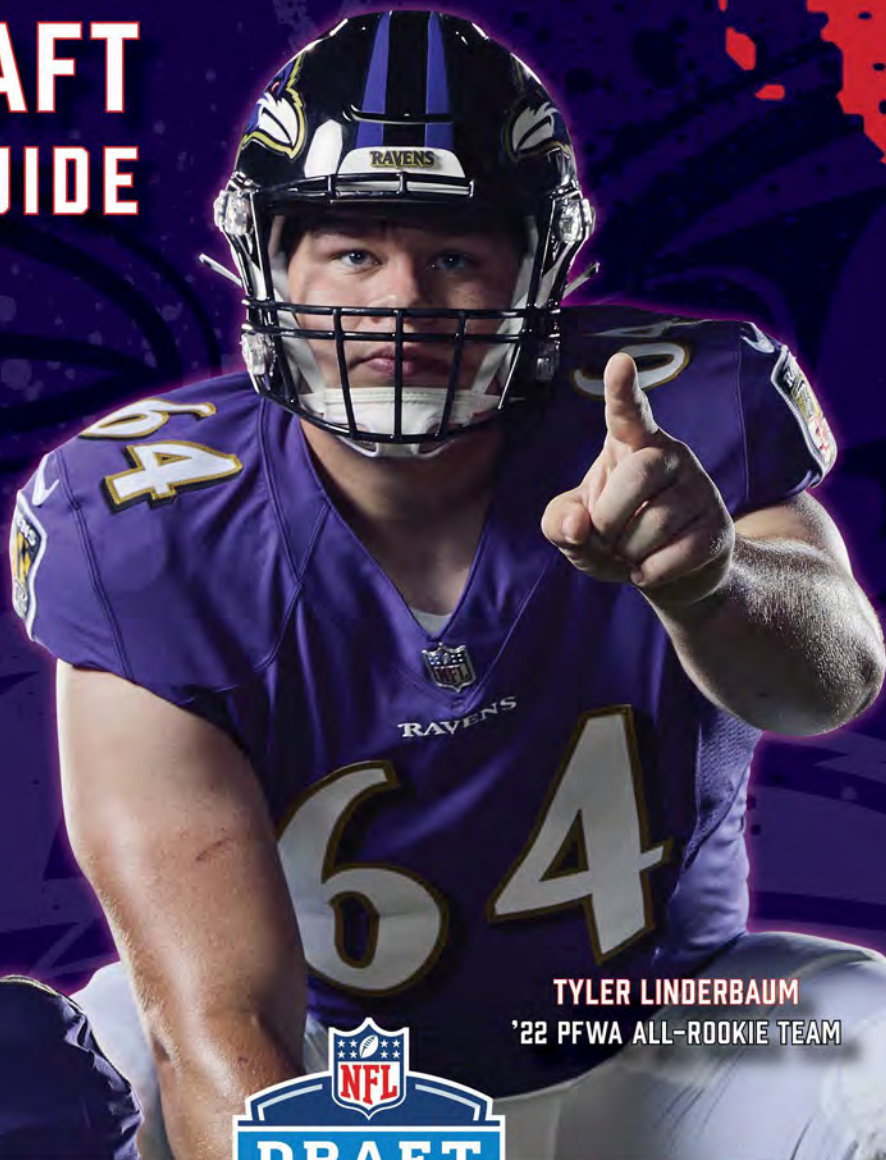


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KYLE HAMILTON
'22 PFWA ALL-ROOKIE TEAM



TYLER LINDERBAUM
'22 PFWA ALL-ROOKIE TEAM



2023 BALTIMORE RAVENS DRAFT PICKS

FIRST	22 ND
THIRD	86 TH
FOURTH	124 TH
FIFTH	157 TH
SIXTH	199 TH

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"[The Draft] is the lifeblood of this organization, and we take it very seriously. We try to make it a science, we really do. But in the end, it's probably more of an art than a science. There's a lot of nuance involved. It's a big-picture thing. It's a lot of bits and pieces of information. It's gut instinct. It's experience, which I think is really, really important."

ERIC DECASTA
Executive VP & General Manager

28th Season w/ Ravens, 5th as EVP & GM



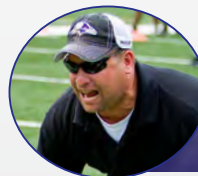
OZZIE NEWSOME
Executive Vice President

28th Season w/ Ravens



JOE HORTIZ
Director of Player Personnel

26th Season w/ Ravens



GEORGE KOKINIS
Director of Player Personnel

27th Season w/ Ravens

SUCCESS ACROSS THE BOARD

1ST ROUND - Jonathan Ogden ('96), Ray Lewis ('96), Peter Boulware ('97), Chris McAlister ('99), Jamal Lewis ('00), Todd Heap ('01), Ed Reed ('02), Terrell Suggs ('03), Haloti Ngata ('06), Ben Grubbs ('07), Joe Flacco ('08), Michael Oher ('09), Jimmy Smith ('11), C.J. Mosley ('14), Ronnie Stanley ('16), Marlon Humphrey ('17), Lamar Jackson ('18), Marquise Brown ('19), Patrick Queen ('20), Kyle Hamilton ('22), Tyler Linderbaum ('22)

2ND ROUND - Jamie Sharper ('97), Anthony Weaver ('02), Ray Rice ('08), Paul Kruger ('09), Torrey Smith ('11), Courtney Upshaw ('12), Kelechi Osemele ('12), Tyus Bowser ('17), J.K. Dobbins ('20)

3RD ROUND - Casey Rabach ('01), Marshal Yanda ('07), Lardarius Webb ('09), Brandon Williams ('13), Orlando Brown Jr. ('18), Mark Andrews ('18), Devin Duvernay ('20), Justin Madubuike ('20)

4TH ROUND - Edwin Mulitalo ('99), Brandon Stokley ('99), Edgerton Hartwell ('01), Jarret Johnson ('03), Le'Ron McClain ('07), Dennis Pitta ('10), Kyle Juszczyk ('13), Za'Darius Smith ('15), Tavon Young ('16), Anthony Averett ('18), Justice Hill ('19), Ben Powers ('19), Isaiah Likely ('22)

5TH ROUND - Jermaine Lewis ('96), Dawan Landry ('06), Arthur Jones ('10), Pernell McPhee ('11), Rick Wagner ('13), Nick Boyle ('15), Matthew Judon ('16), Broderick Washington ('20)

6TH ROUND - Adalius Thomas ('00), Chester Taylor ('02), Sam Koch ('06), Tyrod Taylor ('11), Ryan Jensen ('13), Darren Waller ('15), Chuck Clark ('17), Bradley Bozeman ('18), DeShon Elliott ('18)

7TH ROUND - DeAngelo Tyson ('12), Michael Campanaro ('14), Zach Sieler ('18), Geno Stone ('20)

ROOKIE FA - Mike Flynn ('97), Priest Holmes ('97), Will Dumps ('02), Bart Scott ('02), Ma'ake Kemoeatu ('02), Jameel McClain ('08), Dannell Ellerbe ('09), Morgan Cox ('10), Josh Byner ('11), Justin Tucker ('12), James Hurst ('14), Zach Orr ('14), Patrick Onwuasor ('16), Michael Pierce ('16), Matt Skura ('16), Patrick Ricard ('17), Chris Board ('18), Gus Edwards ('18), Patrick Mekari ('19), Tyler Huntley ('20)



PATRICK QUEEN
2020 1ST-ROUND PICK



TYUS BOWSER
2017 2ND-ROUND PICK



MARLON HUMPHREY
2017 1ST-ROUND PICK



JUSTIN MADUBUIKE
2020 3RD-ROUND PICK



J.K. DOBBINS
2020 2ND-ROUND PICK

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In four seasons (2019-22) as the Ravens' executive vice president and general manager, Eric DeCosta has constructed rosters that have yielded three playoff berths, 44 combined victories, 32 Pro Bowl selections and 10 first-team All-Pro honorees. These squads have received notable contributions from rookie draft picks – such as LB Patrick Queen, RB J.K. Dobbins, WR Rashod Bateman, OLB Odafe Oweh, S Kyle Hamilton, C Tyler Linderbaum and TE Isaiah Likely – making Baltimore an annual playoff contender.

In 2023, DeCosta is directing his fifth NFL Draft. If history repeats itself, Eric, directors of player personnel Joe Hortiz and George Kokinis, director of college scouting David Blackburn and EVP Ozzie Newsome and Co. will tab players who will make immediate and long-lasting impacts on the Ravens' continued success.

Baltimore's process includes 31 full-time members of the scouting department and receives valuable input from its coaches. Much of the staff has been with the franchise since its 1996 inception or has graduated from the "20/20 Club." The group includes members who began with the Ravens as young assistants and grew into evaluators with more input. The term refers to hiring "20-year-olds for \$20,000." "Actually, the guys started when they were a little older than 20 and for more than \$20,000, but that's what we call them," Newsome explained. (DeCosta is a graduate of the "20/20 Club.")

The Ravens don't belong to the National Football Scouting group, which provides member teams lists/reports on players eligible for the draft. "We make our own list, and that means we look at all players on a college roster," DeCosta notes.

Baltimore's personnel department includes a large support staff that helps handle the load. "We do a lot of cross-checking," DeCosta states. "A number of us look at everyone, and then we have the area scouts look at certain players from other regions so we get multiple grades and opinions on all of the players."

Once the Ravens define a player as a "draftable" talent, John Harbaugh and his staff are assigned to add more study, which includes visits and workouts with some of the players.

"Over the years, Ozzie has assembled such a good, hard-working personnel staff, but what has made it even better is the enthusiasm and thorough work done by Coach Harbaugh and his staff," DeCosta affirms. "Their input has had impact on our board and will again within this draft."

The process has always encouraged scouts and coaches to have strong opinions. "We have very open dialogue. We want everyone's opinion, especially from the scouts who have looked at the players the longest. Another strength of our room is that we respect and listen to each other," Newsome says.

Baltimore's scouting staff always talks about taking the "highest-rated player on our board" when it comes time to select a player. The Ravens' history proves that. When it had a Pro Bowl left tackle with Tony Jones, Baltimore selected Hall of Famer Jonathan Ogden, who was the first pick (fourth overall in '96) in team history. When the Ravens had Pro Bowl players like Priest Holmes, Shannon Sharpe and Mark Ingram II, the Ravens selected Jamal Lewis and Todd Heap in the first round and Dobbins in the second.

"We have a lot of confidence in our staff," DeCosta declares. "I believe we have the league's best scouts, and our process makes draft day efficient, exhilarating and fun. The work we put in throughout the year allows us to feel confident and prepared as we take that next step to strengthen our team each April."



RAVENS PLAYER PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

Eric DeCosta
EVP & General Manager

Ozzie Newsome
Executive Vice President

Pat Moriarty
Sr. Advisor to the General Manager

Joe Hortiz
Director of Player Personnel

George Kokinis
Director of Player Personnel

Nick Matteo
VP of Football Administration

Vincent Newsome
Sr. Player Personnel Executive

David Blackburn
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Andrew Raphael
National Scout

"Q" Attenoukon
Area Scout

Brandon Berning
MW/SW Area Scout

Joey Cleary
Southeast Area Scout

Corey Frazier
West Coast Area Scout

Patrick McDonough
Northeast Area Scout

Chas Stallard
Southwest Area Scout

Bobby Vega
East Area Scout

Kevin Weidl
SE/MW Area Scout

Steve Clagett
Scouting Info & Research Manager

Corey Krawiec
Manager, Player Eval. & Analytics

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Manager, Data & Decision Science

Maggie Domanowski
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Terrell Parker
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Over the past 27 seasons, led by Ozzie Newsome & Eric DeCosta, Baltimore has drafted a league-high 17 players who have earned AP first-team All-Pro honors since 1996. Including undrafted rookies LS Morgan Cox and K Justin Tucker, the Ravens have produced 19 "homegrown" AP first-team All-Pro selections since their 1996 inception.

MOST DRAFT CHOICES SINCE 1996 TO EARN AP FIRST-TEAM ALL-PRO

Rk.	Team	Players
1.	Baltimore Ravens	17
2.	New England Patriots	15
3.	San Francisco 49ers	14
4.	Carolina Panthers	13
	Dallas Cowboys	13
	Kansas City Chiefs	13
	Tennessee Titans	13

X Mark Andrews (1)	X Haloti Ngata (2)
X Devin Duvernay (1)	X Jonathan Ogden (4)
X Marlon Humphrey (1)	X Kelechi Osemele* (1)
X Lamar Jackson (1)	X Ed Reed (5)
X Jamal Lewis (1)	X Ronnie Stanley (1)
X Jermaine Lewis (1)	X Terrell Suggs (1)
X Ray Lewis (7)	X Adalius Thomas (1)
X Chris McAlister (1)	X Marshal Yanda (2)
X Le'Ron McClain (1)	(1st-Team APs) (* w/ Oak.)

"I find myself saying this every year, but good players seem to find the Ravens in each draft."
 – The Athletic's Dane Brugler

"[The Ravens] have always done a great job of putting themselves in position to nab blue-chip players that may fall down the board, particularly in the first round." – NFL.com's Bucky Brooks

MARK ANDREWS
 3rd Round: 2018



Three-Time Pro Bowler & 2021 All-Pro

There have been 117 combined Pro Bowl selections among players who were drafted by the Ravens. (These include selections while playing for Baltimore and, in some cases, selections later playing for another team.)

The 117 combined Pro Bowl selections among players who were drafted by Baltimore rank as the NFL's most since the Ravens' 1996 inception.

MOST PRO BOWL SELECTIONS BY PLAYERS DRAFTED SINCE 1996 / RAVENS INCEPTION

Rk.	Team	Pro Bowl Selections
1.	Baltimore Ravens	117
2.	Dallas Cowboys	100
	Kansas City Chiefs	100
4.	Pittsburgh Steelers	93
5.	New England Patriots	90

The Ravens have produced five AP Player of the Year honors and one AP NFL MVP. Baltimore has also had two players earn Defensive ROY, two garner Super Bowl MVP honors and three inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. All of these players (below) are Ravens draft picks.

Draft Pick (Year)

Jonathan Ogden (1996)
 Ray Lewis (1996)
 Peter Boulware (1997)
 Jamal Lewis (2000)
 Ed Reed (2002)
 Terrell Suggs (2003)
 Joe Flacco (2008)
 Lamar Jackson (2018)

Major Accolades

Pro Football Hall of Fame (2013)
 2000 & 2003 Def. POY; SB XXXV MVP; Pro Football HOF (2018)
 1997 Defensive Rookie of the Year
 2003 Offensive Player of the Year
 2004 Defensive POY; Pro Football HOF (2019)
 2003 Defensive ROY; 2011 Defensive POY
 Super Bowl XLVII MVP
 2019 NFL MVP

LAMAR JACKSON
 1st Round: 2018



2019 NFL MVP & Two-Time Pro Bowler

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RAVENS HOMEGROWN PRO BOWLERS

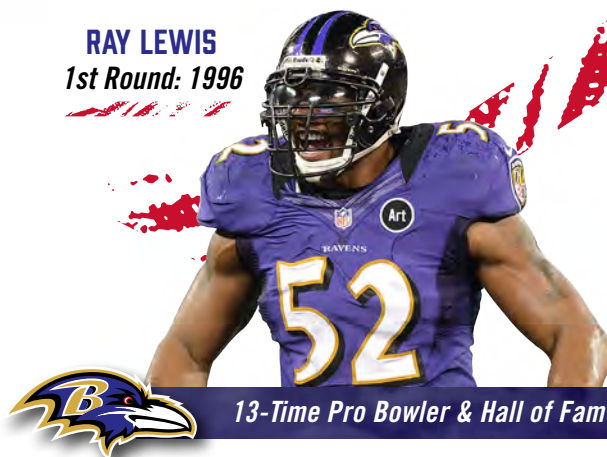
Year Drafted (Rd.)	Name	Pro Bowls w/ Bal.
1996 (1st)	LB Ray Lewis	13
1996 (1st)	T Jonathan Ogden	11
2002 (1st)	S Ed Reed	9
2007 (3rd)	G Marshal Yanda	8
2003 (1st)	OLB Terrell Suggs	7
2012 (RFA)	K Justin Tucker #	6
2006 (1st)	DT Haloti Ngata	5
1997 (1st)	OLB Peter Boulware	4
2010 (RFA)	LS Morgan Cox #	4
2014 (1st)	LB C.J. Mosley	4
1999 (1st)	CB Chris McAlister	3
2017 (RFA)	FB Patrick Ricard #	4
2018 (3rd)	TE Mark Andrews	3
2017 (1st)	CB Marlon Humphrey	3
2008 (2nd)	RB Ray Rice	3
2018 (3rd)	T Orlando Brown Jr.	2
2020 (3rd)	WR/RS Devin Duvernay	2
2001 (1st)	TE Todd Heap	2
2018 (1st)	QB Lamar Jackson	2
2016 (5th)	OLB Matthew Judon	2
1996 (5th)	WR/RS Jermaine Lewis	2
2007 (4th)	FB Le'Ron McClain	2
2000 (6th)	OLB Adalius Thomas	2
2007 (1st)	G Ben Grubbs	1
2020 (RFA)	QB Tyler Huntley #	1
2013 (4th)	FB Kyle Juszczyk	1
2006 (6th)	P Sam Koch	1
2000 (1st)	RB Jamal Lewis	1
2002 (RFA)	LB Bart Scott #	1
2016 (1st)	T Ronnie Stanley	1
2013 (3rd)	DT Brandon Williams	1

Undrafted Rookie Free Agent **Bold Indicates 2022 Pro Bowler**

THE RAVENS HAVE HAD 53 DIFFERENT PLAYERS EARN PRO BOWL HONORS WHILE PLAYING FOR THEM SINCE THE TEAM'S 1996 INCEPTION. OF THOSE, 31 ARE HOMEGROWN – 26 DRAFTED AND 5 SIGNED AS A ROOKIE FREE AGENT.

RAY LEWIS

1st Round: 1996



13-Time Pro Bowler & Hall of Famer

Baltimore has drafted three players (Jonathan Ogden, Ray Lewis & Ed Reed) who were selected to the Hall of Fame. For Ogden & Lewis, it was the first time ever two players were drafted in the same round (1st in 1996) by a team and reached the HOF in their initial year of eligibility.

The Ravens have tabbed 30 players in the first round. These picks have earned 67 combined Pro Bowls, multiple POTY Awards, an NFL MVP honor, two Super Bowl MVPs and three HOF selections.

RAVENS ALL-TIME FIRST-ROUND DRAFT PICKS

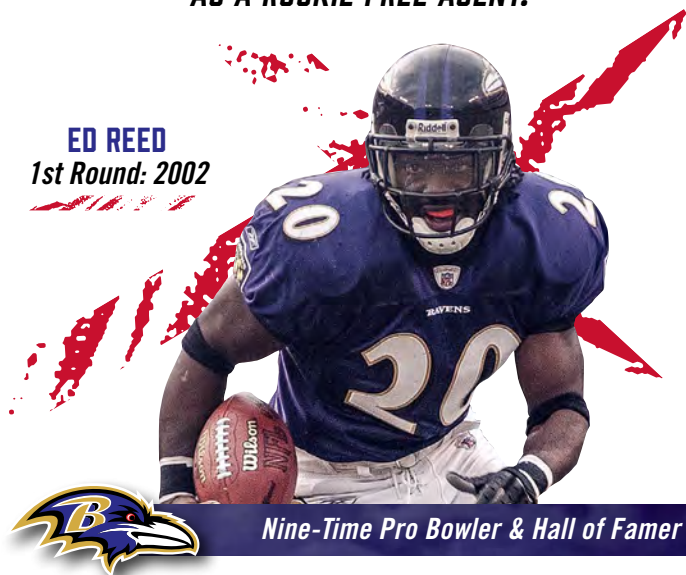
Year	Name	Pick	Pro Bowls
1996	T Jonathan Ogden * –	4	11
1996	LB Ray Lewis + + ~ –	26	13
1997	LB Peter Boulware *	4	4
1998	CB Duane Starks	10	
1999	CB Chris McAlister	10	3
2000	RB Jamal Lewis * =	5	1
2000	WR Travis Taylor	10	
2001	TE Todd Heap	31	2
2002	S Ed Reed * + –	24	9
2003	OLB Terrell Suggs * +	10	7
2003	QB Kyle Boller	19	
2005	WR Mark Clayton *	22	
2006	DT Haloti Ngata *	12	5
2007	G Ben Grubbs *	29	2
2008	QB Joe Flacco ^ ~	18	
2009	T Michael Oher *	23	
2011	CB Jimmy Smith	27	
2013	S Matt Elam	32	
2014	LB C.J. Mosley *	17	4
2015	WR Breshad Perriman	26	
2016	T Ronnie Stanley	6	1
2017	CB Marlon Humphrey	16	3
2018	TE Hayden Hurst	25	
2018	QB Lamar Jackson %	32	2
2019	WR Marquise Brown	25	
2020	ILB Patrick Queen *	28	
2021	WR Rashod Bateman	27	
2021	OLB Odafe Oweh *	31	
2022	S Kyle Hamilton *	14	
2022	C Tyler Linderbaum *	25	

% NFL MVP ~ Super Bowl MVP
 = Offensive Player of the Year
 * All-Rookie Team

+ Defensive Player of the Year
 – Pro Football Hall of Fame
 ^ NFL Rookie of the Year (Fan Vote)

ED REED

1st Round: 2002



Nine-Time Pro Bowler & Hall of Famer

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DRAFT DETAILS

• The 88th annual NFL Draft will take place April 27-29 in the Kansas City, Mo., downtown area, surrounding Union Station and the National WWI Museum and Memorial.

• A select number of player prospects will take the stage in Kansas City, while fans, media, NFL Network, ESPN and ABC crews will be onsite to broadcast the event. Additional prospects will also participate in festivities remotely from their homes around the country.

DATES/TIMES, FANS & PICKS

- Round 1: Thursday, April 27 at 8 p.m. ET
- Rounds 2-3: Friday, April 28 at 7 p.m. ET
- Rounds 4-7: Saturday, April 29 at 12 p.m. ET

• As part of the event, NFL Draft Experience – the NFL's interactive football theme park – will allow fans of all teams to test their football skills, enjoy interactive exhibits and autograph sessions and take pictures with the Lombardi Trophy. The Draft Experience will be open all three days of the event.

• As of April 24, the Ravens have five draft picks: one first- (22), one third- (86), one fourth- (124), one fifth- (157) and one sixth-rounder (199). For the first time in 13 years, Baltimore didn't receive a compensatory pick.



DEVIN DUVERNAY
3rd Round: 2020



Two-time Pro Bowler & 2021 All-Pro

"The thing about Eric [DeCosta] is he's highly intelligent. But on top of that, he was very eager and remains that way – eager to learn, listen, look, watch what other people do. Seems like people who have that ability tend to move forward in whatever profession they're in."

– Iowa head coach & former Ravens assistant Kirk Ferentz

ALL-TIME DRAFT PICK BREAKDOWN

(27 Ravens Drafts - 230 Picks)

Schools w/ Most Selections ...	Alabama (12), Oklahoma (11)
Offensive Players Selected	123
Defensive Players Selected	103
Specialists Selected	4
First-Round Offensive Players	16
First-Round Defensive Players	14
Homegrown Pro Bowl Players	26
First-Team All-Pro Players	17
Hall of Famers ...	3 (Jonathan Ogden, Ray Lewis, Ed Reed)
NFL MVP	1 (Lamar Jackson)
Defensive POY	3 (R. Lewis - twice, E. Reed, T. Suggs)
Offensive POY	1 (Jamal Lewis)
Defensive ROY	2 (Peter Boulware, Terrell Suggs)
Super Bowl MVP	2 (Ray Lewis, Joe Flacco)

DRAFT SELECTIONS BY POSITION

QB	13	DT	17
RB	17	CB	22
FB	5	LB	20
WR	33	OLB/DE	26
TE	16	S	18
T	12	P	3
G	20	K	0
C	7	LS	1

Many standout players originally drafted by the Ravens have gone on to earn long-term and lucrative second contracts with other teams. Below is a list of such players drafted since 2010.

Draft Pick (Year)	New FA Team / Reported Contract
DT Arthur Jones ('10)	Colts / 5 years, \$33 million
WR Torrey Smith ('11)	49ers / 5 years, \$40 million
OLB Pernell McPhee ('11)	Bears / 5 years, \$38.75 million
QB Tyrod Taylor ('11)*	Bills / 2 years (6-year ext.), \$92 million
G Kelechi Osemele ('12)**	Raiders / 5 years, \$58.5 million
FB Kyle Juszczyk ('13)*****	49ers / 4 years, \$21 million
T Rick Wagner ('13)	Lions / 5 years, \$47.5 million
C Ryan Jensen ('13)*	Bucs / 4 years, \$42 million
LB C.J. Mosley ('14)	Jets / 5 years, \$85 million
OLB Za'Darius Smith ('15)***	Packers / 4 years, \$66 million
OLB Matthew Judon ('16)**	Patriots / 4 years, \$56 million
G Ben Powers ('19)	Broncos / 4 years, \$52 million

* Pro Bowls with new team(s)

RAVENS PICKS BY SCHOOL

Alabama 12, Arizona 2, Arizona State 2, Auburn 1, Ball State 1, Baylor 1, Boise State 1, Bowling Green 1, BYU 2, California 2, Cal Poly 1, Central Florida 3, Central Missouri State 1, Cincinnati 2, Coastal Carolina 2, Colorado 3, Colorado State 1, Colorado State - Pueblo 1, Connecticut 1, Delaware 3, East Carolina 2, Eastern Washington 1, Elon 1, Ferris State 1, Florida 4, Florida International 1, Florida State 3, Georgia 3, Georgia Tech 5, Grand Valley State 1, Harvard 1, Houston 2, Illinois 1, Indiana 2, Iowa 4, Iowa State 2, Kansas State 2, Kentucky 3, Louisiana Tech 2, Louisville 4, LSU 1, Maryland 3, Miami (FL) 6, Michigan 6, Minnesota 4, Mississippi 1, Mississippi State 2, Missouri 1, Missouri Southern State 1, Montana 1, Morehouse 1, Navy 1, Nebraska 2, New Mexico 2, New Mexico State 2, Nicholls State 1, Norfolk State 1, North Carolina 1, Northern Arizona 1, Northwestern 1, Northwestern State 1, Notre Dame 9, Ohio State 5, Ohio University 1, Oklahoma 11, Oklahoma State 2, Oregon 4, Oregon State 2, Penn State 6, Rutgers 1, San Diego State 1, South Carolina 1, South Carolina State 1, Southern California 2, Southern Methodist 2, Southern Mississippi 2, Southwest Louisiana 1, Stephen F. Austin 1, Syracuse 3, Temple 2, Tennessee 4, Tennessee State 1, Texas 5, Texas A&M 3, Texas Christian 1, Texas Southern 1, Texas Tech 2, Toledo 1, Trinity International 1, UCLA 3, Utah 3, UTEP 1, Virginia 5, Virginia Tech 4, Wagner 1, Wake Forest 2, Washington State 1, Weber State 2, Western Illinois 1, Wisconsin 2, Wyoming 1

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2023 NFL FIRST-ROUND DRAFT ORDER (as of April 24)

Pick	Team	2022 Record
1.	Carolina Panthers (from Chi.)	7-10
2.	Houston Texans	3-13-1
3.	Arizona Cardinals	4-13
4.	Indianapolis Colts	4-12-1
5.	Seattle Seahawks (from Den.)	9-8
6.	Detroit Lions (from LAR)	9-8
7.	Las Vegas Raiders	6-11
8.	Atlanta Falcons	7-10
9.	Chicago Bears (from Car.)	3-14
10.	Philadelphia Eagles (from NO)	14-3
11.	Tennessee Titans	7-10
12.	Houston Texans (from Cle.)	3-13-1
13.	New York Jets	7-10
14.	New England Patriots	8-9
15.	Green Bay Packers	8-9
16.	Washington Commanders	8-8-1
17.	Pittsburgh Steelers	9-8
18.	Detroit Lions	9-8
19.	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	8-9
20.	Seattle Seahawks	9-8
21.	Los Angeles Chargers	10-7
22.	Baltimore Ravens	10-7
23.	Minnesota Vikings	13-4
24.	Jacksonville Jaguars	9-8
25.	New York Giants	9-7-1
26.	Dallas Cowboys	12-5
27.	Buffalo Bills	13-3
28.	Cincinnati Bengals	12-4
29.	NO Saints (from SF, through Mia. & Den.)	7-10
30.	Philadelphia Eagles	14-3
31.	Kansas City Chiefs	14-3

RAVENS DRAFT PICKS UNDER CONTRACT

Name	Drafted - Year
1st Round (8)	
T Ronnie Stanley	1 (6th) - 2016
CB Marlon Humphrey	1 (16th) - 2017
QB Lamar Jackson	1b (32nd) - 2018
LB Patrick Queen	1 (28th) - 2020
WR Rashad Bateman	1a (27th) - 2021
OLB Odafe Oweh	1b (31st) - 2021
K Kyle Hamilton	1a (14th) - 2022
C Tyler Linderbaum	1b (25th) - 2022
2nd Round (3)	
OLB Tyus Bowser	2 (47th) - 2017
RB J.K. Dobbins	2 (55th) - 2020
OLB David Ojabo	2 (45th) - 2022
3rd Round (7)	
TE Mark Andrews	3b (86th) - 2018
DT Justin Madubuike	3a (71st) - 2020
WR Devin Duvernay	3b (92nd) - 2020
LB Malik Harrison	3c (98th) - 2020
G Ben Cleveland	3a (94th) - 2021
DB Brandon Stephens	3b (104th) - 2021
DT Travis Jones	3 (76th) - 2022
4th Round (8)	
DE Brent Urban	4a (134th) - 2014
WR Tylan Wallace	4 (131st) - 2021
T Daniel Faalele	4a (110th) - 2022
CB Jalyn Armour-Davis	4b (119th) - 2022
TE Charlie Kolar	4c (128th) - 2022
P Jordan Stout	4d (130th) - 2022
TE Isaiah Likely	4e (139th) - 2022
CB Damarion Williams	4e (141st) - 2022
5th Round (3)	
DT Broderick Washington	5 (170th) - 2020
OLB Daelin Hayes	5b (171st) - 2021
FB/TE Ben Mason	5c (184th) - 2021
6th Round (1)	
WR/RS James Proche II	6 (201st) - 2020
7th Round (1)	
S Geno Stone	7 (219th) - 2020

TIMING OF THE ROUNDS

- The 2022 NFL Draft's first round kicked off at 8:10 p.m. ET and was completed at 11:28 p.m. ET (3 hours, 18 minutes).
- Longest first round since 1967: 2007 (6 hours, 8 minutes)
- Shortest first round since 1967: 1972 (2 hours)
- As first implemented in 2008, teams are allowed 10 minutes to draft in the first round, 7 minutes in the second, 5 minutes in the third-sixth and 4 minutes in the seventh.

DID YOU KNOW?

No team had ever made six draft picks in a single round before the Ravens did so in the fourth round of the 2022 NFL Draft. There were four selections made within a span of 14 picks.

MARSHAL YANDA
3rd Round: 2007



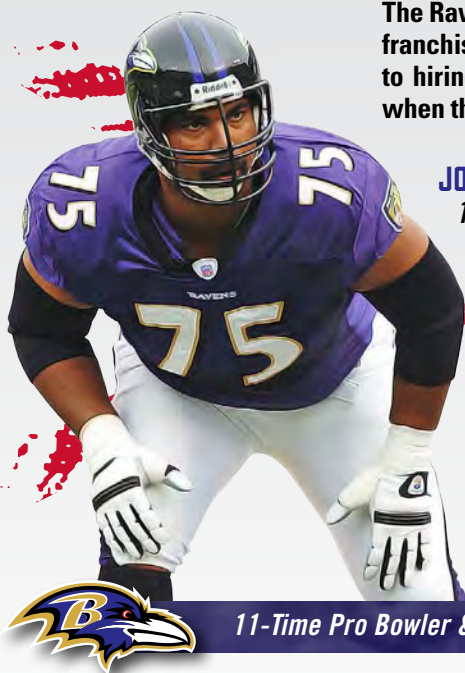
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JONATHAN OGDEN
1st Round: 1996

Ogden is the Ravens' first-ever draft choice (4th overall in 1996).

11-Time Pro Bowler & Hall of Famer

RAVENS "20/20 CLUB" GRADUATES (Current Personnel Staff)

Name	Joined Ravens	Current Title
George Kokinis	1991 (w/ Browns)	Dir. of Player Personnel
Eric DeCosta	1996	EVP & General Manager
Joe Hortiz	1998	Dir. of Player Personnel
Mark Azevedo	2005	Asst. Dir. of Player Personnel
David Blackburn	2007	Dir. of College Scouting
Andrew Raphael	2013	National Scout
Brandon Berning	2015	Midwest/SW Area Scout
Joey Cleary	2015	Southeast Area Scout
Corey Frazier	2017	West Coast Area Scout
"Q" Attenoukon	2017	Area Scout
Patrick McDonough	2018	Northeast Area Scout
Chas Stallard	2018	Southwest Area Scout

"Eric DeCosta works hard and does a great job. He's been with this organization for a long time. ... Eric helped build a Super Bowl winner, all under the leadership of Ozzie Newsome, who is a Hall of Fame player and a Hall of Fame GM." – Mel Kiper Jr., ESPN

COMPENSATORY PICKS

Under the rules for compensatory selections, a team losing more or better compensatory free agents than it acquires in the previous year is eligible to receive compensatory picks. Compensatory free agents are determined by a formula based on salary, playing time and postseason honors. The formula was developed by the NFL Management Council. Not every free agent lost or signed by a club is covered by this formula. No club may receive more than four compensatory picks in any one year.

In addition to the 30 compensatory selections awarded under the net loss formula and the two Supplemental Selections, five special compensatory selections were awarded to the Browns (one), 49ers (three) and Chiefs (one) as part of an initiative that provides the prior employer-club of a minority employee who has been hired by another club as its head coach or primary football executive (GM) to receive compensation in the form of a special compensatory draft selection in the third round of each of the next two drafts or in each of the next three drafts if two minority employees from the employer-club are hired for these positions by another club or clubs.

2023 NFL COMPENSATORY PICKS

Round	Pick (R-O)	Team	Round	Pick (R-O)	Team
3	33-96	Arizona	6	33-210	New England
3	34-97	Washington	6	34-211	Minnesota
3	*35-98*	Cleveland	6	35-212	Dallas
3	*36-99*	San Francisco	6	36-213	Arizona
3	*37-100*	Kansas City	6	37-214	Las Vegas
3	*38-101*	San Francisco	6	38-215	Washington
3	*39-102*	San Francisco	6	39-216	San Francisco
4	33-135	New England	6	40-217	Kansas City
5	33-167	LA Rams	7	33-250	Kansas City
5	34-168	Arizona	7	34-251	LA Rams
5	35-169	Dallas	7	35-252	Tampa Bay
5	36-170	Green Bay	7	36-253	San Francisco
5	37-171	LA Rams	7	37-254	NY Giants
5	38-172	NY Giants	7	38-255	San Francisco
5	39-173	San Francisco	7	39-256	Green Bay
5	40-174	Las Vegas	7	40-257	New Orleans
5	41-175	Tampa Bay	7	41-258	Chicago
5	42-176	Dallas	7	42-259	Houston
5	43-177	LA Rams			

Special compensatory selections

Most Compensatory Picks for UFAs Lost / Since 1994

1. Baltimore.....55
2. Dallas.....52
3. Green Bay.....49
4. New England.....48
5. Los Angeles Rams...47

SAM KOCH
6th Round (comp.): 2006



2015 Pro Bowler



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DRAFT CHOICES

1996

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1a	4	G/T	Jonathan Ogden	UCLA
1b	26	LB	Ray Lewis	Miami
2b	55	CB	DeRon Jenkins	Tennessee
5b	153	WR	Jermaine Lewis	Maryland
6a	172	LB	Dexter Daniels	Florida
6b	186	WR	James Roe	Norfolk State
7b	238	QB	Jon Stark	Trinity Intl.

Obtained second 1st-round choice (26) from SF along with 49ers 1995 1st-, 3rd- and 4th- (from KC) round picks for Cle. 1995 1st-round pick (obtained from Atl. for RB Eric Metcalf and Cle. original 1995 1st-round pick). First 2nd-round choice (35) was traded to TB for TE Harold Bishop. Obtained second 2nd-round choice (55) from Den. for 1996 3rd-, 4th- and 7th-round picks. First 5th-round choice (136) was traded to NO for DB Reginald Jones. Obtained second 5th-round pick (153) from Atl. for G Gene Williams. Third 5th-round choice (157) obtained from Phi. to Dal. for 1997 4th-round pick. Obtained second 6th-round choice (186) from Jax. (supplemental) along with Jaguars 1995 5th-round pick for Cle. 1995 4th-round pick. Obtained second 7th-round choice (238) from Phi. for DL Ronnie Dixon.

1997

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	4	LB	Peter Boulware	Florida State
2a	34	LB	Jamie Sharper	Virginia
2b	58	S	Kim Herring	Penn State
3	64	RB	Jay Graham	Tennessee
4b	118	LB	Tyrus McCloud	Louisville
5	134	C	Jeff Mitchell	Florida
6a	167	FB	Steve Lee	Indiana
6b	194	LB	Cornell Brown*	Virginia Tech
7a	205	DE	Chris Ward	Kentucky
7b	234	QB	Wally Richardson*	Penn State
7c	236	S	Ralph Staten*	Alabama
7d	238	DT	Leland Taylor*	Louisville

Obtained second 2nd-round choice (58) from Den. for T Tony Jones. First 4th-round choice (100) was traded to Atl. through Sea. for G Jeff Blackshear. Obtained second 4th-round pick from Dal. for 1996 5th-round pick (obtained from Phi.).

1998

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	10	CB	Duane Starks	Miami
2	42	WR	Patrick Johnson	Oregon
5a	124	DT	Martin Chase	Oklahoma
5b	133	S	Ryan Sutter	Colorado
6a	154	LB	Ron Rogers	Georgia Tech
6b	164	T	Sammy Williams	Oklahoma
7b	241	TE	Cam Quayle*	Weber State

Traded 3rd-round choice (71) along with 1998 4th-round pick (93) to Ind. for QB Jim Harbaugh and Colts 1998 4th-round pick. Traded first 4th-round choice (from Ind.) to Ind. for 1998 4th-, 5th- and 6th-round picks. Traded second 4th-round pick (104) to TB for 1999 3rd-round pick. Traded first 7th-round choice (199) to Atl. through Pit. for OL Bernard Dafney.

* Compensatory Pick

1999

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	10	CB	Chris McAlister	Arizona
4a	105	WR	Brandon Stokley	SW Louisiana
4b	129	G	Edwin Mulitalo*	Arizona
7	216	S	Anthony Poindexter	Virginia

Traded 2nd-round choice (42) to Atl. for Atl. 2000 1st-round pick. Traded 3rd-round pick (72) to Det. along with a conditional 2000 5th-round pick for QB Scott Mitchell. Traded 5th-round choice (145) to STL along with 2000 7th-round pick for QB Tony Banks. Traded first 6th-round choice (180) to NE for TE Lovett Purnell. Traded second 6th-round choice (185, from Ind.) to Min. for OL Everett Lindsay.

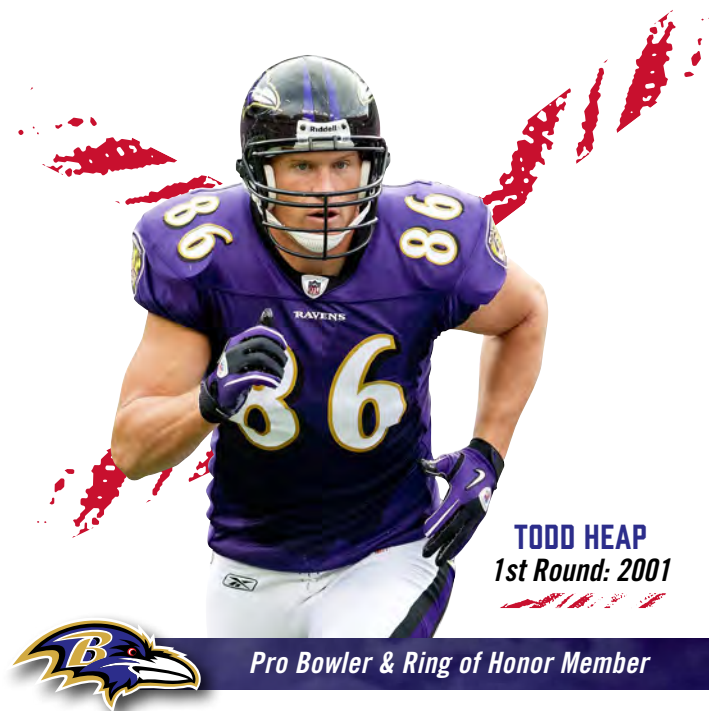
2000

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1a	5	RB	Jamal Lewis	Tennessee
1b	10	WR	Travis Taylor	Florida
3	75	QB	Chris Redman	Louisville
5	148	OL	Richard Mercier	Miami
6a	186	DE	Adalius Thomas	So. Mississippi
6b	191	DT	Cedric Woodard	Texas

Acquired first 1st-round pick (5) from Atl. for a 1999 2nd-round choice.

2001

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	31	TE	Todd Heap	Arizona State
2	62	DB	Gary Baxter	Baylor
3	92	C/G	Casey Rabach	Wisconsin
4	126	LB	Edgerton Hartwell	W. Illinois
5	161	RB	Chris Barnes	New Mexico State
6	194	LS	Joe Maese	New Mexico
7	231	DE	Dwayne Missouri	Northwestern



TODD HEAP
1st Round: 2001



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2002

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	24	S	Ed Reed	Miami
2	52	DE	Anthony Weaver	Notre Dame
4a	112	P	Dave Zastudil	Ohio
4b	123	WR	Ron Johnson	Minnesota
5	155	TE	Terry Jones	Alabama
6a	195	DB	Lamont Brightful	E. Washington
6b	206	WR	Javin Hunter*	Notre Dame
6c	207	RB	Chester Taylor*	Toledo
6d	209	S	Chad Williams*	So. Mississippi
7	236	QB	Wes Pate	Stephen F. Austin

Traded 3rd-round choice (96) to Den. for 4th- (112) and 5th-round (155) picks (Bal. traded its 5th [159] to Was. to draft Weaver).

TERRELL SUGGS
1st Round: 2003



Seven-Time Pro Bowler & 2011 DPOY

2003

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1a	10	LB	Terrell Suggs	Arizona State
1b	19	QB	Kyle Boller	California
3	77	RB	Musa Smith	Georgia
4a	109	LB	Jarret Johnson	Alabama
4b	134	FB	Ovie Mughelli*	Wake Forest
5a	146	DT	Aubrayo Franklin	Tennessee
5b	173	T	Tony Pashos*	Illinois
6	182	S	Gerome Sapp	Notre Dame
7a	223	TE	Trent Smith	Oklahoma
7b	250	C	Mike Mabry*	Central Florida
7c	258	S	Antwoine Sanders*	Utah

Traded 2nd-round choice (41) to NE with 2004 1st-round pick for NE's 1st-round pick (19/Boller).

2004

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
2	51	DT	Dwan Edwards	Oregon State
3	82	WR	Devard Darling	Washington St.
5	153	OLB	Roderick Green	Gen. Missouri St.
6a	187	QB	Josh Harris	Bowling Green
6b	199	WR	Clarence Moore*	N. Arizona
7a	244	WR	Derek Abney*	Kentucky
7b	246	G	Brian Rimpf*	East Carolina

Traded 1st-round pick to NE for Pats' 2003 1st-round selection (19) to draft QB Kyle Boller. Traded 4th-round pick (120) to Jax. for WR Kevin Johnson.

* Compensatory Pick

2005

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	22	WR	Mark Clayton	Oklahoma
2a	53	OLB	Dan Cody	Oklahoma
2b	64	T	Adam Terry	Syracuse
4	124	G/C	Jason Brown	North Carolina
5	158	FB	Justin Green	Montana
6	213	QB	Derek Anderson*	Oregon State
7	234	LB	Mike Smith	Texas Tech

Obtained second 2nd-round choice (64) from NE in exchange for Ravens 3rd- (84) and 6th-round (195) picks in 2005 and a 3rd-round selection in 2006.

2006

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	12	DT	Haloti Ngata	Oregon
2	56	C/G	Chris Chester	Oklahoma
3	87	CB	David Pittman	NW State
4a	111	WR	Demetrius Williams	Oregon
4b	132	RB	P.J. Daniels*	Georgia Tech
5a	146	S	Dawan Landry	Georgia Tech
5b	166	TE	Quinn Sypniewski*	Colorado
6a	203	P	Sam Koch*	Nebraska
6b	208	CB	Derrick Martin*	Wyoming
7	219	LB/DE	Ryan LaCasse	Syracuse

Obtained 1st-round choice (12) from Cle. for Baltimore's 1st-round (13) and 6th-round (181) picks. Obtained 2nd-round (56) and 3rd-round (87) choices from the N.Y. Giants for the Ravens' 2nd-round pick (44).

2007

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	29	G	Ben Grubbs	Auburn
3a	74	WR	Yamon Figurs	Kansas State
3b	86	G/T	Marshal Yanda	Iowa
4a	134	OLB	Antwan Barnes*	Florida Intl.
4b	137	FB	Le'Ron McClain*	Alabama
5	174	QB	Troy Smith*	Ohio State
6	207	ILB	Prescott Burgess*	Michigan

Obtained first 3rd-round pick (74) and a 4th-round choice (101) from Det. for the Ravens' 2nd-round (61) pick. Acquired second 3rd-round choice (86) from Jax. for 4th-round (101), 5th-round (166) and 6th-round (203) picks.

2008

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	18	QB	Joe Flacco	Delaware
2	55	RB	Ray Rice	Rutgers
3a	71	ILB	Tavares Gooden	Miami
3b	86	S	Tom Zbikowski	Notre Dame
3c	99	T	Oniel Cousins*	UTEP
4a	106	WR	Marcus Smith	New Mexico
4b	133	G/T	David Hale*	Weber State
6	206	S	Haruki Nakamura*	Cincinnati
7a	215	WR	Justin Harper	Virginia Tech
7b	240	RB	Allen Patrick*	Oklahoma

Obtained 1st-round (18) choice from Houston for the Ravens' 1st-round (26) and 3rd-round (89) picks that Baltimore received from Jacksonville, plus the Ravens' 6th-round (173) choice.

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Baltimore began the day with the 8th-overall pick and traded it to Jacksonville for the Jaguars' 1st-round (26), both 3rd-round (71 and 89) and 4th-round (125) selections. Obtained 2nd-round (55) choice from Seattle for the Ravens' 2nd-round (38) pick. Acquired second 3rd-round (86) choice, along with 2nd-round pick (Rice, 55) from Seattle for the Ravens' 2nd-round (38) pick. Traded 4th-round (125) choice to Oakland for CB Fabian Washington.

Note: In 2007, the Ravens used a 5th-round pick in the July Supplemental Draft to tab T Jared Gaither.



2009					
Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College	
1	23	T	Michael Oher	Mississippi	
2	57	LB/DE	Paul Kruger	Utah	
3	88	DB	Lardarius Webb	Nicholls State	
5a	137	LB	Jason Phillips	TCU	
5b	149	TE	Davon Drew	East Carolina	
6	185	RB	Cedric Peerman	Virginia	

Obtained 1st-round choice (23) from NE for the Ravens' 1st-round (26) and 5th-round (162) picks. Acquired two 5th-round choices (137 and 141) from NE for the Ravens' 4th-round (123) pick. Obtained 5th-round (149) and 6th-round (185) choices from Denver for the 5th-round (141) pick.

2010					
Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College	
2a	43	LB	Sergio Kindle	Texas	
2b	57	DT	Terrence Cody	Alabama	
3	70	TE	Ed Dickson	Oregon	
4	114	TE	Dennis Pitta	BYU	
5a	156	WR	David Reed	Utah	
5b	157	DT	Arthur Jones	Syracuse	
6	194	T	Ramon Harewood	Morehouse	

Acquired first 2nd-round (43), 3rd-round (70) and 4th-round (114) choices from Den. for the Ravens' 1st-round (25) pick. Traded original 3rd-round (88) and 4th-round (123) choices to Ari. for WR Anquan Boldin and a 5th-round pick (157).

2011

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College	
1	27	CB	Jimmy Smith	Colorado	
2	58	WR	Torrey Smith	Maryland	
3	85	T	Jah Reid	Central Florida	
4	123	WR	Tandon Doss	Indiana	
5a	164	CB	Chykie Brown*	Texas	
5b	165	DE	Pernell McPhee*	Mississippi State	
6	180	QB	Tyrod Taylor	Virginia Tech	
7	225	RB	Anthony Allen	Georgia Tech	

Traded 3rd-round pick (90) and a 6th-round pick (191) to Phi. in exchange for Eagles' 85th selection to acquire Reid.

2012

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College	
2a	35	OLB	Courtney Upshaw	Alabama	
2b	60	G/T	Kelechi Osemele	Iowa State	
3	84	RB	Bernard Pierce	Temple	
4a	98	G/C	Gino Gradkowski	Delaware	
4b	130	S	Christian Thompson*	South Carolina St.	
5	169	CB/RS	Asa Jackson*	Cal Poly	
6	198	WR	Tommy Streeter	Miami	
7	236	DE	DeAngelo Tyson	Georgia	

Obtained 2nd-round pick (35) and 4th-round choice (98) in a trade with Min. in exchange for the Ravens' 1st-round (29) selection. Obtained the 84th-overall pick in a trade with Atl. for the Ravens' 3rd-round (91) and 5th-round (164) selections.

2013

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College	
1	32	S	Matt Elam	Florida	
2	56	LB	Arthur Brown	Kansas State	
3	94	DT	Brandon Williams	Missouri Southern St.	
4a	129	OLB	John Simon	Ohio State	
4b	130	FB	Kyle Juszczyk*	Harvard	
5	168	G/T	Rick Wagner*	Wisconsin	
6a	200	DE	Kapron Lewis-Moore	Notre Dame	
6b	203	C	Ryan Jensen*	Colorado St.-Pueblo	
7a	238	WR	Aaron Mellette	Elon	
7b	247	CB	Marc Anthony*	California	

Obtained 56th pick in a trade with Seattle for the Ravens' 2nd-round pick (62nd), 5th-round choice (165th) and 6th-round selection (199th).

2014

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College	
1	17	LB	C.J. Mosley	Alabama	
2	48	DT	Timmy Jernigan	Florida State	
3a	79	S	Terrence Brooks	Florida State	
3b	99	TE	Crockett Gillmore*	Colorado State	
4a	134	DE	Brent Urban*	Virginia	
4b	138	RB	Lorenzo Taliaferro*	Coastal Carolina	
5	175	G/C	John Urschel*	Penn State	
6	194	QB	Keith Wenning	Ball State	
7	218	WR/RS	Michael Campanaro	Wake Forest	

Acquired 218th pick from Cle. in exchange for a 2015 draft choice.

* Compensatory Pick

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2015

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	26	WR	Breshad Perriman	Central Florida
2	55	TE	Maxx Williams	Minnesota
3	90	DT	Carl Davis	Iowa
4a	122	OLB	Za'Darius Smith	Kentucky
4b	125	RB	Javorius "Buck" Allen	Southern Cal
4c	136	CB	Tray Walker*	Texas Southern
5a	171	TE	Nick Boyle*	Delaware
5b	176	G	Robert Myers*	Tennessee State
6	204	WR	Darren Waller	Georgia Tech

Acquired 55th choice from Arizona in exchange for the Ravens' 58th (second round) and 158th (fifth round) picks.

2016

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	6	T	Ronnie Stanley	Notre Dame
2	42	OLB	Kamalei Correa	Boise State
3	70	DE	Bronson Kaufusi	Brigham Young
4a	104	CB	Tavon Young	Temple
4b	107	WR	Chris Moore	Cincinnati
4c	130	G/T	Alex Lewis	Nebraska
4d	132	DT	Willie Henry*	Michigan
4e	134	RB	Kenneth Dixon*	Louisiana Tech
5	146	OLB	Matthew Judon	Grand Valley State
6a	182	WR/RS	Keenan Reynolds	Navy
6b	209	CB	Maurice Canady*	Virginia

Ravens traded the 36th-overall choice to Jacksonville in exchange for the draft's 38th pick and a fifth-round pick (146th overall). Traded the 38th pick to Miami in exchange for the 42nd-overall pick and a fourth-round pick (107th overall).

RONNIE STANLEY
1st Round: 2016



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2017

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	16	CB	Marlon Humphrey	Alabama
2	47	OLB	Tyus Bowser	Houston
3	74	DE	Chris Wormley	Michigan
3	78	OLB	Tim Williams	Alabama
4	122	G	Nico Siragusa	San Diego State
5	159	G/T	Jermaine Eluemunor	Texas A&M
6	186	S	Chuck Clark	Virginia Tech

2018

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1a	25	TE	Hayden Hurst	South Carolina
1b	32	QB	Lamar Jackson	Louisville
3a	83	T	Orlando Brown Jr.	Oklahoma
3b	86	TE	Mark Andrews	Oklahoma
4a	118	CB	Anthony Averett	Alabama
4b	122	LB	Kenny Young	UCLA
4c	132	WR	Jaleel Scott	New Mexico State
5	162	WR	Jordan Lasley	UCLA
6a	190	S	DeShon Elliott	Texas
6b	212	T	Greg Senat	Wagner
6c	215	C	Bradley Bozeman*	Alabama
7	238	DT	Zach Sieler	Ferris State

Ravens traded the 16th-overall pick (first round) and their fifth-round selection (154 overall) to the Bills for the 22nd pick in the first round and 65th-overall pick (third round). Baltimore traded the 22nd-overall selection and the 215th pick (sixth round) to Tennessee in exchange for the 25th-overall selection (used on Hayden Hurst) and the 125th pick (fourth round). Ravens traded picks in the second (52nd) and fourth (118th) rounds, as well as their 2019 second-round pick, to Philadelphia for the No. 32 overall pick (used on Lamar Jackson) and the Eagles' 2018 fourth-round pick (132nd). Ravens traded the 75th-overall pick to Kansas City in exchange for the 86th and 122nd picks. Baltimore traded the 152nd pick to Tennessee for the 162nd and 215th picks. Ravens traded the 65th pick to Oakland in exchange for the 75th-, 152nd- and 212th-overall selections. Traded the 152nd pick to Tennessee for the 162nd- and 215th-overall selections.

2019

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	25	WR	Marquise Brown	Oklahoma
3a	85	OLB	Jaylon Ferguson	Louisiana Tech
3b	93	WR	Miles Boykin	Notre Dame
4a	113	RB	Justice Hill	Oklahoma State
4b	123	G	Ben Powers	Oklahoma
4c	127	CB	Iman Marshall	Southern Cal
5	160	DT	Daylon Mack	Texas A&M
6	197	QB	Trace McSorley	Penn State

Ravens traded the 22nd-overall pick to Philadelphia in exchange for the 25th, 127th (fourth round) and 197th (sixth round) picks. Traded picks 102 (third round), 191 (sixth round) and 193 (sixth round) to Minnesota for the 93rd-overall pick (third round).

2020

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1	28	LB	Patrick Queen	LSU
2	55	RB	J.K. Dobbins	Ohio State
3a	71	DT	Justin Madubuike	Texas A&M
3b	92	WR	Devin Duvernay	Texas
3c	98	LB	Malik Harrison	Ohio State
3d	106	G	Tyre Phillips*	Mississippi State
4	143	G	Ben Bredeson*	Michigan
5	170	DL	Broderick Washington	Texas Tech
6	201	WR	James Proche II	SMU
7	219	S	Geno Stone	Iowa

Ravens traded their 60th-overall (second round) and 129th-overall (fourth round) picks to New England in exchange for the 71st and 98th (third round) picks. Baltimore traded its 225th-overall pick and a 2021 fifth-round pick to Minnesota in exchange for the 201st and 219th (seventh round) picks.

* Compensatory Pick

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DRAFT CHOICES

2021

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1a	27	WR	Rashod Bateman	Minnesota
1b	31	OLB	Odafe Oweh	Penn State
3a	94	G	Ben Cleveland	Georgia
3b	104	CB	Brandon Stephens*	Southern Methodist
4	131	WR	Tylan Wallace	Oklahoma State
5a	160	CB	Shaun Wade	Ohio State
5b	171	OLB	Daelin Hayes	Notre Dame
5c	184	TE	Ben Mason*	Michigan

Ravens traded their 136th (fourth round) & 210th (sixth round) picks to Arizona in exchange for the 160th pick (fifth round) and a 2022 fourth-round pick.



2022

Rd.	Pk.	Pos.	Player	College
1a	14	S	Kyle Hamilton	Notre Dame
1b	25	C	Tyler Linderbaum	Iowa
2	45	OLB	David Ojabo	Michigan
3	76	DT	Travis Jones	Connecticut
4a	110	T	Daniel Faalele	Minnesota
4b	119	CB	Jalyn Armour-Davis	Alabama
4c	128	TE	Charlie Kolar	Iowa State
4d	130	P	Jordan Stout	Penn State
4e	139	TE	Isaiah Likely*	Coastal Carolina
4f	141	CB	Damarion Williams*	Houston
6	196	RB	Tyler Badie	Missouri

Ravens traded Marquise Brown & pick 100 to Arizona in exchange for pick 23. Ravens traded 23 to Buffalo for picks 25 and 130.

* Compensatory Pick

RAVENS RING OF HONOR DRAFT PICKS

The Ravens' Ring of Honor, presented by Meritage Jewelers, salutes special inductees at M&T Bank Stadium with banners. Each member is recognized for his extraordinary contributions to the NFL, the Ravens and the Baltimore community. There are currently eight members of the Ring of Honor who were original Ravens draft choices.

PETER BOULWARE - 2006
1997 1st-Round Pick



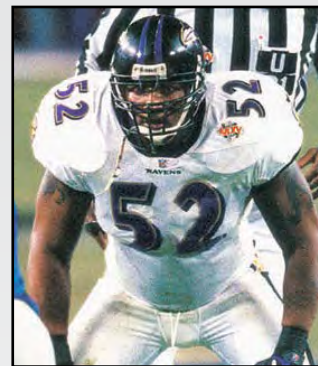
JONATHAN OGDEN - 2008
1996 1st-Round Pick



JAMAL LEWIS - 2012
2000 1st-Round Pick



RAY LEWIS - 2013
1996 1st-Round Pick



TODD HEAP - 2014
2001 1st-Round Pick



ED REED - 2015
2002 1st-Round Pick



HALOTI NGATA - 2021
2006 1st-Round Pick



MARSHAL YANDA - 2022
2007 3rd-Round Pick





MOCK DRAFTS





2023 MOCK DRAFTS

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1. Carolina Panthers (via CHI)

Bryce Young, QB, Alabama

Young or C.J. Stroud? Stroud or Young? I think the Panthers are homing in on one of these passers after they traded up to No. 1. In my post-free agency mock draft, I went with Stroud, who fits the physical mold of quarterbacks new Carolina coach Frank Reich has worked with over the past decade. I've heard too many rumblings about the front office and coaches liking Young, though, and my pals Chris Mortensen and Adam Schefter believe Young is the guy as well. If Young is indeed the pick, he could be a superstar. He's my top-ranked signal-caller, just ahead of Will Levis. There is some risk because of his stature, however. At 5-foot-10, 204 pounds, he will be the third under-6-foot QB drafted in Round 1, joining Kyler Murray (2019) and Johnny Manziel (2014). He's a much different player from those two, relying more on his pinpoint accuracy and pocket mobility than his scrambling ability. General manager Scott Fitterer got very little from his 2022 draft class, so he has to hit a home run here.



2. Houston Texans

C.J. Stroud, QB, Ohio State

There's not much buzz about the quarterback Houston would prefer in this class, but I have little doubt new coach DeMeco Ryans is going to get one here. This class of passers is just too strong at the top. As I've mentioned before, the Texans need a face of the franchise to sell their rebuild to fans. Stroud is a smooth thrower with advanced mechanics in a 6-3 frame. He has all the tools to be an All-Pro passer -- except for the talent around him. That's where Houston, which also owns the No. 12 pick in this draft, needs to help. I expect general manager Nick Caserio to be aggressive in trying to add playmakers in the draft and also in May, when a few veterans hit the open market.



3. Tennessee Titans (via mock trade with ARI)

Anthony Richardson, QB, Florida

Here's that quarterback for the Titans. The 6-4 Richardson might have the highest ceiling of any prospect in this class. If he puts together all of his tools and isn't rushed into being the guy in Week 1, he could be a star. It's a big "if," though, because he was extremely inconsistent as a passer in college and has a ways to go to clean up his mechanics. Now, the hope for Tennessee is that it can coach him up, unlock some of those traits and let him show his dual-threat ability. And it could sit him behind Tannehill in Year 1. As we saw last season when Tannehill got injured, though, Willis was forced to step in, and there's no doubt it hurt his development. Willis wasn't ready to play. Richardson needs time as well, and I hope whichever team takes him understands that.



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4. Indianapolis Colts

Will Levis, QB, Kentucky

I'm sticking with Levis to Indianapolis here. General manager Chris Ballard could get lucky with my second-ranked quarterback still on the board. Why do I like Levis over Stroud and Richardson? Because of his ability both in and out of the pocket. In 2021, when Levis was really on, he made "wow" throws to every part of the field and also ran for nine scores. Last season, while dealing with injuries and after losing a lot of talent around him, he forced too many throws and was inconsistent. I think Levis' floor is high, and he'll be able to start immediately for the Colts. By the way, if you're wondering how often quarterbacks have been taken with the first four picks in a single draft, well, I can tell you this would be the first time ever. Passers have gone with the first three picks three other times -- 2021, 1999 and 1971 -- but this would be history.



5. Seattle Seahawks (via DEN)

Jalen Carter, DT, Georgia

The Seahawks likely would be thrilled with this scenario, as they could get their pick of the defenders in the class. I see Carter, the No. 1 prospect on my Big Board, as the better fit here over Will Anderson Jr., who I have ranked No. 3 overall. Seattle can play Carter next to free agent addition Dre'Mont Jones and create one of the NFL's most talented tackle combinations. (Carter is visiting with the team Tuesday.) I don't expect Carter, who pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charges of reckless driving and racing last month in connection with a fatal crash in January, to drop out of the top seven picks. In fact, his agent said recently that Carter is declining visits with any teams outside the top 10. Carter did not have a good pro day, but NFL teams believe he's too talented to pass up.



6. Detroit Lions (via LAR)

Will Anderson Jr., OLB, Alabama

I love the potential pairing of Anderson on the other side of Aidan Hutchinson, the No. 2 overall pick a year ago. That's a scary edge rushing duo. In 2021, Anderson's 79 QB pressures ranked first in the country, while Hutchinson was second with 64. Anderson had 17.5 sacks to Hutchinson's 14. These two know how to get after quarterbacks. For a Detroit team without many available starting spots on its roster, this would be a tremendous selection.



7. Las Vegas Raiders

Devon Witherspoon, CB, Illinois

While the Raiders likely would love to get a shot at either Anderson or Carter, they'll have to settle in this scenario for my top-ranked player at another position of need. Witherspoon is a physical defender with shutdown ability. He would be a Day 1 starter in Las Vegas, which ranked last in the league in takeaways last season (13). This is also a spot to watch for the first offensive tackle off the board.



8. Atlanta Falcons

Nolan Smith, OLB, Georgia

It's edge rusher or cornerback here, as the Falcons have clear needs at both positions, even after all their signings in free agency. They had just 21 sacks last season, which ranked second-to-last in the league. While Smith would fit better in a 3-4 defense, I see new coordinator Ryan Nielsen -- who came over from New Orleans -- figuring out ways to get him on the field to rush passers. Nielsen could vary his fronts. Smith is an explosive player with a ton of upside, and people in the league rave about his leadership ability.



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9. Chicago Bears (via CAR)

Darnell Wright, OT, Tennessee

Chicago dropped eight spots in Round 1 but picked up a massive haul in its trade with Carolina, allowing it to keep premium picks in this draft and add future capital as well. And if it wants to add an instant starter at No. 9, offensive tackle is the position to target. I like Wright's opportunity with the Bears if we're strictly looking at right tackles, since Braxton Jones held his own on the left side last season. Wright started 27 games at right tackle in college; his tape against Will Anderson Jr. and Alabama was phenomenal. He's the best right tackle in this class. My pal Louis Riddick is a huge fan too. This is a selection to keep quarterback Justin Fields clean.



10. Philadelphia Eagles (via NO)

Peter Skoronski OT/G, Northwestern

This could be a spot for an edge rusher, but Philadelphia can keep a strength a strength by taking Skoronski. With right guard Isaac Seumalo departing in free agency, there's an opening, and many NFL talent evaluators believe Skoronski has All-Pro potential if he moves inside. He started 33 games at left tackle in college, but his arms are slightly shorter than average for a tackle (32¼ inches). The Eagles lost both of their starting safeties this offseason, but they could find at least one replacement on Day 2 of the draft.



11. Arizona Cardinals (via mock trade with TEN)

Tyree Wilson, DE, Texas Tech

Arizona could go in a few different directions with this pick, including cornerback, offensive tackle or wide receiver. But who's rushing the passer for this team? J.J. Watt retired and Zach Allen left in free agency. I like Myjai Sanders, but he's raw. Cameron Thomas and Dennis Gardeck could take steps forward, but D-line is a massive need for the Cardinals. The 6-6 Wilson is a prototypical end who could thrive in new coach Jonathan Gannon's defense.



12. Houston Texans (via CLE)

Jaxon Smith-Njigba, WR, Ohio State

This is the Texans' chance to take their pick of the wide receivers in this class, and we know Smith-Njigba can be a star with C.J. Stroud throwing him passes. What's not to like about this combo? Smith-Njigba has No. 1 wideout potential, but he's coming off a lost season because of a hamstring injury -- he caught five passes and ran 42 routes during the entire 2022 campaign. He showed he was healthy at the combine and I feel comfortable putting him in this range in Round 1. Houston has to add more talented pass-catchers. If it decides on another position, keep an eye on defensive line.



13. New York Jets

Broderick Jones, OT, Georgia

This is another pick I'm keeping the same from my previous mock draft, and we still don't know what the Jets will have to give up in their eventual trade for quarterback Aaron Rodgers. Surely we'll know before the draft begins, right? Jones could play on the right or left side in the NFL -- he was nearly flawless for the Bulldogs last season. When the Bucs added Tom Brady in March 2020, they picked plug-and-play tackle Tristan Wirfs at No. 13 overall the following month, filling a void. That move helped get them a Super Bowl title in Wirfs' rookie season. That's New York's best-case scenario here -- assuming the Rodgers deal gets done with Green Bay.



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14. New England Patriots

Christian Gonzalez, CB, Oregon

If the Patriots don't trade down to acquire more capital, I see corner or wideout as the position to target here. On offense, new coordinator Bill O'Brien has to get quarterback Mac Jones turned around after a disastrous 2022. The additions of JuJu Smith-Schuster and Mike Gesicki in free agency will help, but there's room for another really good outside wideout. Cornerback, though, is a position of strength in this class and Gonzalez has a chance to go in the top 10. The 6-1 defender picked off four passes for the Ducks last season.



15. Green Bay Packers

Dalton Kincaid, TE, Utah

Take a look at the Green Bay depth chart and tell me this: Who is going to catch passes from quarterback Jordan Love in 2023? OK, outside of second-year wideouts Christian Watson and Romeo Dobbs? There's just not much there, and Josiah Deguara, who had 13 catches last season, is now the team's No. 1 tight end. Kincaid is the best pass-catching tight end in this class. He had 16 touchdown receptions over the past two seasons. He can stretch the seams in the middle of the field, and he can create easy connections for Love. This is the pick to help a young signal-caller.



16. Washington Commanders

Joey Porter Jr., CB, Penn State

The Commanders say they're not in the market for Lamar Jackson and I don't see them making a trade up for one of the top quarterbacks in this draft. That means they need to find an instant starter with this selection. While I thought about offensive line -- Washington ranked 28th in yards per carry (4.0) last season -- signing right tackle Andrew Wylie filled the biggest hole. On the other side of the ball, finding a corner should be the priority. At 6-2 with long arms, Porter would make a lot of sense. He has all the tools to be a spectacular cover man.



17. Pittsburgh Steelers

Zay Flowers, WR, Boston College

This is around where we could see a run on receivers. Flowers is actually my top-ranked wideout. I love his explosion and ability after the catch. Pittsburgh's wideouts had just five touchdown receptions last season, which ranked last in the league. The 5-9 Flowers is a dynamo out of the slot, but he had plenty of grabs lined up outside too. He could be a nice fit with Diontae Johnson and George Pickens. Quarterback Kenny Pickett had a special connection with former Pitt teammate Jordan Addison, but I think Flowers would be the better pick for the Steelers.



18. Detroit Lions

Bijan Robinson, RB, Texas

People keep telling me Robinson won't last into the 20s. He's that good. It's just really tough to find the perfect landing spot for him because teams finally understand the value of running backs in Round 1. So I'm going to follow Todd McShay's lead and slot in Robinson to Detroit. Why? Because he'd be better in 2023 than D'Andre Swift, who is a free agent next year, and because he'd bring a receiving threat to the offense that free agent signing David Montgomery just doesn't have. Robinson is a luxury pick, but the Lions really don't have that many needs. They can afford a luxury selection here.



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19. Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Paris Johnson Jr., OT, Ohio State

It really seems as if the Bucs are planning to wait out the tackle class with this pick. It's a big need. Tristan Wirfs has been a star at right tackle, but he could move over to the left side. In this scenario, why not keep Wirfs on the right and let Johnson play left tackle? Johnson had a stellar 2022 season for the Buckeyes and he can dominate in pass protection and move defenders in the run game. As Tampa Bay moves forward with Baker Mayfield or Kyle Trask at quarterback, it needs a steady O-line to protect them.



20. Seattle Seahawks

Myles Murphy, DE, Clemson

Seattle's surprising run to the 2022 playoffs masked a defense that didn't look like a typical Pete Carroll unit. The Seahawks surrendered 24.0 points per game, which ranked 25th in the league, and allowed 4.9 yards per carry, which ranked 27th. I gave Carroll help in the middle of his defensive line with Jalen Carter at pick No. 5, so let's move outside and add an end who will help against both the run and pass. Murphy has some upside, though I never saw him dominate on tape. He had 14 sacks and 63 QB pressures over the past two seasons. Carroll likes well-rounded defensive ends, and that's Murphy.



21. Los Angeles Chargers

Jordan Addison, WR, USC

Addison could be a nice complement to L.A.'s offense. He is a great route runner who knows how to get open, though he's not quite as explosive as Zay Flowers. He had 100 catches for 1,592 yards and 17 touchdowns at Pitt in 2021 before an injury at USC last season forced him to miss time. If he lands with the Chargers, he could be one of the favorites for Offensive Rookie of the Year, because new offensive coordinator Kellen Moore will get creative and use him all over the field.



22. Baltimore Ravens

Deonte Banks, CB, Maryland

You could argue whether the Ravens actually filled their need at wide receiver with the signing of Odell Beckham Jr.. Why? Because it was just a one-year deal. They still have issues beyond 2023. Still, I could see them turning to cornerback instead. Banks has excellent physical tools. He ran a 4.35-second 40-yard dash at the combine and showed off a 42-inch vertical jump, which was the best among the cornerbacks in Indianapolis. He excels in man coverage, using his speed to turn and run with receivers. He had only two picks in his career, but he gets his hands on passes. He could start on the other side of Marlon Humphrey in Baltimore.



23. Minnesota Vikings

Emmanuel Forbes, CB, Mississippi State

Cornerback is a clear need area for Minnesota, which replaced Patrick Peterson with Byron Murphy but has plenty of available corner reps. Forbes needs to grow into his 6-1 frame -- he weighed in at 166 pounds at the combine -- but he is a great cover corner. He had six career pick-sixes in college, and he never missed a game because of injury. He needs to be more consistent, but he has outstanding instincts and his ceiling is high. The Vikings also could target a wideout to complement Justin Jefferson with this pick.



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24. Jacksonville Jaguars

Lukas Van Ness, DL, Iowa

This is a pairing I had in my Mock Draft 2.0. Van Ness has positional flexibility; at 6-5, 272 pounds, some teams view him as a pure defensive end, while others want to see him get more reps at tackle. In Jacksonville, he could be a bit of both, penetrating as a pass-rusher on late downs and using his power to hold up in the run game. He had seven sacks last season. For Jacksonville, this is another step toward improving the front seven, which should see more flashes from 2022 No. 1 overall pick Travon Walker.



25. New York Giants

DJ Turner, CB, Michigan

I've slotted in wide receivers to the Giants in my previous mock drafts, so let's switch gears and go with another position they could target. They could use a player to challenge Aaron Robinson and Cor'Dale Flott on the other side of Adoree' Jackson. Turner is a hot name in the league right now, largely because scouts and execs went back to the tape after his 4.26-second 40-yard dash at the combine. That was the fourth-fastest time at the combine since 2003. He's in the first-round discussion now. At 5-11, 178 pounds, Turner isn't very big, but he has some versatility -- he played outside and in the slot for the Wolverines. New York ranked 25th in the NFL with 19 takeaways last season.



26. Dallas Cowboys

Michael Mayer, TE, Notre Dame

Dalton Schultz left in free agency and the Cowboys never replaced him. Let's get Dak Prescott a talented safety valve here. Mayer is the best all-around tight end in this class; he's not afraid to latch on to defenders and block. Don't discount his receiving upside, either. He had 180 catches for 2,099 yards and 18 scores in three college seasons. He can be an outlet on crossers and hooks and he'll pick up first downs after the catch. Dallas also has scouted the class' best wide receivers, so keep an eye out if one of the top guys drops.



27. Buffalo Bills

Trenton Simpson, LB, Clemson

I don't love drafting strictly for need, but that's exactly what great teams can do when they don't have many holes. Buffalo let middle linebacker Tremaine Edmunds leave in free agency and this could be a selection to fill that void. Simpson is a really good three-down linebacker who has some coverage traits in the pass game and is a strong blitzer. He ran a blazing 4.43-second 40-yard dash at the combine at 235 pounds. Middle linebackers in today's NFL must have smooth hips and range in coverage, and those are Simpson's strengths.



28. Cincinnati Bengals

Bryan Bresee, DT, Clemson

We've focused a lot on the Bengals' need at tight end, but what if they think they filled it with often-injured veteran Irv Smith Jr.? This is the direction they could go if that's the case. Cincinnati ranked 29th in sacks last season (30) and it needs to get more of an interior push on late downs. Bresee could provide that. At 6-5, 298 pounds, he tested extremely well at the combine. He's powerful at the point of attack and is instinctual after the snap. This is another team without many holes, so it can afford to select a player who might not start immediately.



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29. New Orleans Saints (via DEN/MIA/SF)

Calijah Kancey, DT, Pitt

As I mentioned in my previous mock draft, the Saints completely turned over at defensive tackle and added Khaleke Hudson and Nathan Shepherd to be their new starters. What if they're not done adding? Kancey is one of my favorite prospects in this class. He's so explosive as a pass-rusher and despite being undersized -- 6-1, 281 pounds -- he's going to rack up sacks at the next level. He had 14.5 over the past two seasons. New Orleans could also look at the pass-catchers here, either a tight end or receiver.



30. Seattle Seahawks (via mock trade with PHI)

Hendon Hooker, QB, Tennessee

There's some buzz about Hooker rising into the first round and this could be the perfect landing spot. I have a second-round grade on him, but I can see why he might be appealing. He led the FBS in Total QBR (89.5) and yards per attempt (9.5) last season, and he threw just five picks over two seasons at Tennessee. His accuracy on deep throws is really good. The downside? He played in a quarterback-friendly offense, didn't have to go through progressions and is coming off a torn left ACL suffered in November. There's going to be a learning curve in the NFL. Plus, he's already 25 years old, so there are questions about his ceiling. For Seattle, as I mentioned in my previous mock draft, the details of Geno Smith's contract extension show it's only a one-year commitment. The team could easily move on after one year and turn to Hooker.



31. Kansas City Chiefs

Will McDonald IV, DE, Iowa State

The McDonald stat I love most? He had 10 career forced fumbles. He gets to quarterbacks but also understands how to create turnovers. (Will Anderson Jr. had just one forced fumble in his career at Alabama.) McDonald is an explosive player with a high ceiling. The Super Bowl champs could add him to the edge rotation with George Karlaftis and free agent addition Charles Omenihu. As I've mentioned before, keep Kansas City in mind for the wideouts in this class.



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1. Carolina Panthers (via CHI)

C.J. Stroud, QB, Ohio State

We know the Panthers are drafting a quarterback -- they have been searching for a long-term fix and sent a big bag of assets to Chicago to jump up here in order to find it -- but we still don't know for sure which quarterback they want. We might not have the answer until the pick is announced, and I'm not sure Carolina even knows just yet. I projected Alabama's Bryce Young here in my last mock draft, but I'm going with Stroud this time around. It could really go either way. Stroud is the best pocket passer in the class, with outstanding accuracy to every level and a really good feel for reading the field. His 88.9 Total QBR last season was second in the country, and he threw 41 touchdown passes to just six interceptions. He should be an immediate upgrade and could have the Panthers challenging for the NFC South title in short order. But I'd like to see Carolina add a little more around him. It signed Adam Thielen, DJ Chark and Miles Sanders, but the trade up to No. 1 cost the team DJ Moore.



2. Houston Texans

Bryce Young, QB, Alabama

Young is still my top-ranked quarterback, and there's a decent chance he is on top of Houston's board, too. The Texans had arguably the league's worst pass game last season, with a 32nd-ranked QBR (26.0) and 28th-ranked completion percentage (60.8%). Young would be a big improvement over Davis Mills, thanks to his poise in the pocket, ability to hit any throw and really good composure under pressure. He can also create when things go south, evidenced by his 95.7 QBR outside the pocket last season (third in the FBS). A lot will be made of his 5-foot-10, 204-pound frame, but the rest of the package is special. This is another team that still has work to do around its new QB, though. I like the Dalton Schultz addition, and Young played with John Metchie III at Alabama, but Houston is still missing that true WR1.



3. Indianapolis Colts (via mock trade with ARI)

Anthony Richardson, QB, Florida

I've heard mixed messages regarding the Colts' interest in quarterbacks not named Young and Stroud, but the veteran route just hasn't worked for them. They've started each of the past five seasons with a different starting QB, and they scored the NFL's fewest points in 2022 (15.8 per game). If either Richardson or Kentucky's Will Levis is Indy's guy, it can't afford to stay at No. 4 and just hope things work out. There is obvious risk with Richardson, and it's certainly possible Gardner Minshew would be getting the Week 1 call. After all, Richardson has just 13 career starts and accuracy issues to work through, mainly stemming from poor footwork and still-developing touch. But you'd need to call in NASA to reach his sky-high ceiling. At 6-foot-4 and 244 pounds, Richardson ran a 4.43 in the 40-yard dash at the combine and has the strongest arm in this class. If he puts it all together, he could be a star in the NFL. New Colts coach Shane Steichen might be the guy to get him there. According to ESPN Stats & Information, this would be the fourth time in the common draft era that quarterbacks go 1-2-3. The most recent occurrence came in 2021.



4. Arizona Cardinals (via mock trade with IND)

Will Anderson Jr., OLB, Alabama

Who is rushing the passer in Arizona right now? J.J. Watt retired, and Zach Allen is off to Denver. If new GM Monti Ossenfort wants to turn this ship around, he needs to find a dominant force off the edge who can get after the quarterback. Luckily for the Cards, they land the best one in the class despite moving back a spot. Anderson has real explosion to his game, getting on offensive tackles in an instant and then displaying the power to beat them one-on-one. He was extremely productive in college, posting 34.5 sacks and 66 tackles for loss over three years.



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5. Seattle Seahawks (via DEN)



Jalen Carter, DT, Georgia

Seattle would be in an interesting spot here, and GM John Schneider and coach Pete Carroll would have some difficult questions to answer:

- How high are they on Levis, and could they take advantage of the draft slot by selecting a quarterback of the future?
- Does Texas Tech's Tyree Wilson make sense, considering edge rushing is the team's biggest need?
- How does having the No. 20 pick impact what they do here, with Anderson being the only non-QB off the board?

But perhaps the biggest question is where they stand on Carter, who is probably the most talented player in the class but has some off-field concerns. He pled no contest to misdemeanor charges of reckless driving and racing after an arrest during combine week and is coming off a disappointing pro day in which he showed up out of shape. The Seahawks signed Dre'Mont Jones, but Carter could really change this defensive line with his game-breaking quickness and power on the interior. They just have to be comfortable with their homework.



6. Detroit Lions (via LAR)

Tyree Wilson, DE, Texas Tech

This pick has to be defense. Detroit was miserable in that department last season, and it was the reason it came up short in the playoff hunt. The Lions were bottom-three in yards allowed per rush (5.2), yards allowed per pass attempt (7.9), opponent QBR (56.0) and third-down defense (45.1%). Adding Wilson to a young edge-rushing contingent that already includes Aidan Hutchinson and James Houston could create real conflict for opponent pass-protectors, though. He had seven sacks in 2022 for a second straight year, and his arm length and pure power jump out on tape. I also considered the secondary with a handful of top-tier cornerbacks on the board, but the Lions have been aggressive there by signing Cameron Sutton, Emmanuel Moseley and C.J. Gardner-Johnson in free agency. Detroit is back on the clock at No. 18 and has a pair of second-rounders.



7. Las Vegas Raiders

Devon Witherspoon, CB, Illinois

Witherspoon smothers receivers with his quickness and instincts in coverage, and he allowed a 5.2 QBR when targeted last season, which ranked second in the nation. Opponents completed just 30.4% of passes thrown in his direction for an average of 3.3 yards and zero touchdowns, all of which ranked in the top six nationally. The Raiders have a lot of holes right now, but corner is a big one. They signed Brandon Facyson, but this is a team that allowed 7.3 yards per attempt last season, among the worst in the NFL.

For those wondering whether Las Vegas could jump on Levis if he's available, I'll just say I've heard buzz that it isn't interested in using a high pick on a QB unless Young or Stroud were miraculously available. Bringing in Jimmy Garoppolo fills the void, and the Raiders can always add a passer later in the draft or go hunting for a younger option next year.



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8. Atlanta Falcons

Christian Gonzalez, CB, Oregon

I thought about Iowa edge rusher Lukas Van Ness for Atlanta, given it ranked worst in sacks in 2021 and second worst in 2022. That said, the pass defense allowed a 67.8% completion percentage (28th) and lacks a long-term option opposite A.J. Terrell at corner. Casey Hayward is entering the final year of his deal and turns 34 in September. Gonzalez is 6-foot-1 and has 4.38 speed and plenty of on-ball production, bringing down four interceptions last season.



9. Chicago Bears (via CAR)

Peter Skoronski, OT/G, Northwestern

The Bears could address the edge rush -- perhaps with Van Ness -- after closing out the 2022 season at the bottom of the league in sacks. However, they need to maximize quarterback Justin Fields, and that means protecting him. Chicago allowed a sack on 11.5% of dropbacks last season, the highest rate we've seen since the Raiders' 12.6% in 2006. I like the Nate Davis addition at guard, but Teven Jenkins probably isn't the answer at tackle opposite Braxton Jones. Jenkins is a better fit on the interior. And while there are concerns about Skoronski's 32¼-inch arm length, his quickness, balance and snap in his hands stand out.



10. Philadelphia Eagles (via NO)

Lukas Van Ness, DE, Iowa

Van Ness has the arm length and footspeed to dominate off the edge, and I love the versatility that comes with his game. He's arguably even more effective rushing the passer as a 3-technique. Philadelphia lost Javon Hargrave and re-signed Fletcher Cox to only a one-year deal, so I could see Van Ness and Jordan Davis wreaking havoc from the interior. GM Howie Roseman loves building up the trenches, and Van Ness can make an immediate impact there after 14 sacks over two seasons at Iowa. I still think Texas running back Bijan Robinson would be interesting in this offense, even though that isn't a position Roseman prioritizes early in the draft. He's a top-five talent in this class and fits seamlessly in this run-heavy offense. But Kenneth Gainwell looked solid at the end of last season, Rashaad Penny will be a big contributor if he stays healthy and they could still add a veteran like Ezekiel Elliott.



11. Tennessee Titans

Jaxon Smith-Njigba, WR, Ohio State

It's not often a team uses a top-20 pick on a wide receiver in back-to-back years. In fact, you need to go back to 2003 to '05 for the last time, when the Lions actually did it three times in a row. But there's no arguing that Tennessee needs playmakers, even after selecting Treyton Burks last year. The Titans' top four wideouts combined for 1,446 yards and six touchdowns last season; A.J. Brown -- whom Tennessee traded away -- surpassed those numbers on his own. Smith-Njigba barely played in 2022, but he's just one year removed from cracking 1,600 receiving yards. He's such a good route runner, creating separation with high-end acceleration out of his breaks and hauling in passes with soft hands. He'd be an immediate favorite for quarterback Ryan Tannehill. Speaking of Tannehill, I wouldn't rule out Tennessee drafting Levis as the future franchise signal-caller, especially since Malik Willis struggled in his rookie year. And I think Ohio State offensive tackle Paris Johnson Jr. could make a lot of sense, too.



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12. Houston Texans (via CLE)

Nolan Smith, OLB, Georgia

If Smith-Njigba were still on the board, I would have projected him as the pick. I already mentioned that Houston is seeking pass-catchers for its new QB (Young in this scenario). But let's not discount how bad the defense was last season. It gave up 5.7 yards per play (26th) and was 27th in ESPN's defensive efficiency rating. Smith is a great fit here because he can get after the quarterback as an edge rusher on passing downs or drop into an off-the-ball role on early downs. A torn right pectoral muscle limited him to eight games last season, but his explosion was on full display at the combine; he ran a 4.39 in the 40-yard dash at 238 pounds and jumped 41.5 inches in the vertical. He will be even more effective off the edge once he expands his pass-rush move arsenal, too.



13. New York Jets

Paris Johnson Jr., OT, Ohio State

If Aaron Rodgers is indeed coming to the Big Apple, he'll need some protection improvements. Mekhi Becton hasn't finished a game over the past two seasons, missing time with right knee injuries. Duane Brown turns 38 this season. Alijah Vera-Tucker is coming off a triceps injury and Max Mitchell has played only 328 career snaps. If Johnson is still on the board, it's an easy pick. He has experience both inside and outside, and he is an easy mover with a 6-6, 313-pound frame. If Johnson isn't on the board, I think Georgia's Broderick Jones could be an answer, too.



14. Tampa Bay Buccaneers (via mock trade with NE)

Will Levis, QB, Kentucky

Welcome to the post-Tom Brady era on the Gulf Coast. The Buccaneers drafted Kyle Trask in Round 2 in 2021 and signed Baker Mayfield to a one-year deal this March, but neither is a surefire solution to the sudden void under center. Trask has nine career pass attempts, and Mayfield is set to wear his fourth jersey in the past three years. Levis has some stuff to work on -- namely his footwork and turnover avoidance -- but he has the physical traits to be a franchise quarterback. He comes from a pro-style offense, has a massive arm and can tuck and run with physicality. And with Mayfield and Trask on the roster, Tampa Bay doesn't have to rush him into the starter's chair right out of the gate.



15. Green Bay Packers

Myles Murphy, DE, Clemson

The Packers could be in transition this season if Rodgers does end up with the Jets, and they will have to get Jordan Love some help. Allen Lazard and Robert Tonyan signed elsewhere, which leaves the receiving group light. So yes, I could see Green Bay going in that direction. But there should also be plenty of pass-catching options on Day 2, and Murphy would be a problem for opponents off the edge of the defense. The Packers' 34 sacks tied for 27th last season, and Rashan Gary is coming off a torn ACL. Murphy can drive back blockers, use his great bend to turn the corner and then close on the quarterback with burst. He put together 14 sacks and 23 tackles for loss over the past two seasons.



16. Washington Commanders

Joey Porter Jr., CB, Penn State

Porter is an outstanding press corner whose instincts, body control and physicality helped him to 11 pass breakups last season. He also limited opponents to 3.7 yards per pass attempt thrown in his direction, good for fifth in the country. The Commanders could use that type of shutdown corner, even though Porter had just one interception over four seasons at Penn State. He'd have an instant impact opposite Kendall Fuller.



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17. Pittsburgh Steelers

Broderick Jones, OT, Georgia

Pittsburgh brought in Isaac Seumalo this March to shore up the interior offensive line, but there are still questions at offensive tackle. And protection is key when you have a young QB running the offense. Jones allowed zero sacks over 15 starts last season, showcasing quick feet and explosive upper-body power for the national champion Bulldogs, and he'd be a good value get at this point in the draft. Jones would also help open lanes for Najee Harris in the run game.



18. Detroit Lions

Bijan Robinson, RB, Texas

Fans will question just about any landing spot for Robinson because of his position, but consider how heavily the Lions lean on the run and what Robinson can do for an offense. We're talking about a top-five talent in this class who can break free with burst through the hole, make defenders miss with his strength and haul in passes with his reliable hands. Jamaal Williams is gone to New Orleans, and D'Andre Swift has struggled to stay healthy and is entering the final year of his contract. Yes, Detroit signed David Montgomery, but he has rushed for 100-plus yards just three times over the past two seasons. Robinson had only three games under 100 rushing yards last year. According to ESPN Stats & Information, this would be the highest a running back has been drafted since the Giants took Saquon Barkley at No. 2 in 2018. But Robinson is special. Other options for Detroit include tight end or continuing down the defensive rebuild path, but with four picks in the first two rounds, it can afford to make this luxury selection and fill some other holes down the road.



19. New England Patriots (via mock trade with TB)

Darnell Wright, OT, Tennessee

Trent Brown turns 30 this offseason, Isaiah Wynn is still unsigned, and Riley Reiff isn't a long-term fix at right tackle. And when your quarterback turns in a league-low 4.1 QBR when pressured, you'd think getting him some more protection would be a priority. So landing Wright at No. 19 after the trade-back works on a lot of levels. Wright allowed just one sack last season, thanks in part to his great balance and 6-5, 333-pound frame. He'd also help spring running back Rhamondre Stevenson as one of the best run-blockers in the class. I considered Boston College receiver Zay Flowers, but while pass-catcher is a need, right tackle is a bigger one.



20. Seattle Seahawks

Zay Flowers, WR, Boston College

I wouldn't be surprised if Seattle continued replenishing the defensive line depth chart here, and I also suspect it would give Tennessee quarterback Hendon Hooker a long look as a future starter. I kept coming back to Flowers, who fits with the Seahawks as a third receiver behind DK Metcalf and Tyler Lockett. He has 4.42 speed to stretch the field and the open-field elusiveness to turn underneath throws into big gains. This is another team that has two second-round picks, and it could result in a second straight outstanding draft for Seattle.



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21. Los Angeles Chargers

Calijah Kancey, DT, Pittsburgh

The Chargers still haven't cleaned up their run defense -- they finished dead last in yards allowed per rush at 5.4 in 2022. Kancey is undersized at 281 pounds, but he has explosive power. Run defense woes aside, I really like this fit because of Kancey's upside as a pass-rusher. We've seen Chargers coach Brandon Staley have success with Aaron Donald as an interior rusher when he was the Rams' defensive coordinator, and while Kancey is not Donald, he plays a similar style as a penetrating 3-technique with take-off burst. Kancey also ran the fastest 40-yard dash time for a defensive tackle since 2006 at 4.67 seconds, and he had 14.5 sacks and 28.5 tackles for loss over the past two seasons at Pitt. Wide receiver is also an obvious consideration, after Los Angeles lost Keenan Allen and Mike Williams for extended periods of time last season. Perhaps TCU's Quentin Johnston or USC's Jordan Addison makes sense.



22. Baltimore Ravens

Quentin Johnston, WR, TCU

Speaking of Johnston and teams that need wide receivers, I like the idea of the big 6-3 receiver in new coordinator Todd Monken's offense. Johnston is still refining his route running, but he has a big catch radius, can make plays in the vertical pass game and will pick up chunks of yardage after the catch. The Ravens averaged 12.2 yards per catch on throws to wideouts last season (23rd in the NFL), so having a player like Johnston on the outside could take the offense to another level. There's also the question of who is throwing the passes in 2023. The Lamar Jackson situation is far from settled, and if Baltimore does end up trading Jackson, this is another spot where Hooker could be in play. But if Jackson is back, the Ravens need to focus on getting him more weapons on the perimeter.



23. Minnesota Vikings

Hendon Hooker, QB, Tennessee

The Vikings have quietly been putting in some work on this QB class. Despite the team's 13-win season, Kirk Cousins was just 23rd in QBR at 49.9. Plus, he's turning 35 this summer and will be entering the final year of his deal. Sitting behind Cousins for a year to learn the pro game and fully recover from a torn ACL could be the perfect setup for Hooker, who led the nation in QBR last season before the injury (89.5). Hooker is accurate to every level of the field but really thrives throwing deep. Some scouts might be wary of drafting a 25-year-old QB, but he has the talent to lead an NFL offense. I've talked to folks with a few teams that even have Hooker above Levis on their internal boards. He has interviewed really well this spring, and the tape is phenomenal. Alternatively, Minnesota could try to get another receiver alongside Justin Jefferson, go back to the cornerback well or bring in another big tight end.



24. Jacksonville Jaguars

Dalton Kincaid, TE, Utah

Trevor Lawrence has excelled throwing to bigger targets, dating back to his Clemson days. And while the Jaguars franchise-tagged Evan Engram, they could look to add another tight end to the offense -- especially if that tight end is 6-4 and just caught 70 balls for 890 yards and eight TDs last season. Kincaid accelerates away from coverage, brings down 50-50 balls and tacks on yards after the catch. Why Kincaid over Notre Dame's Michael Mayer? Mayer is the better blocker, but Kincaid is the more explosive pass-catcher. He's a seam-stretcher who would fit perfectly in this Jacksonville offense.



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25. New York Giants

Emmanuel Forbes, CB, Mississippi State

Expected a receiver? I nearly went with Addison here. But there are other needs, including cornerback, and receiver can be addressed later. Adoree' Jackson, Darnay Holmes, Amani Oruwariye and Bobby McCain are under contract only through 2023, and the Giants tied the Raiders for fewest interceptions in the NFL last season with six. That's how many Forbes had on his own at Mississippi State in 2022! And he picked off 14 passes over three seasons, including six returned for touchdowns. Forbes is lean at 6-1 and 166 pounds, but he has great speed and fantastic instincts in coverage. The Giants blitzed more than any other team last season (42%) but didn't have many ballhawks in the secondary to take advantage. Forbes would feast on mistakes forced by that pressure.



26. Dallas Cowboys

Michael Mayer, TE, Notre Dame

Dalton Schultz out, Mayer in. The latter is the most complete tight end in this draft class and could be a plug-and-play starter as Dak Prescott's new security blanket. At 6-5 and 249 pounds, Mayer is a legit blocker who would provide Tony Pollard with more running lanes. And while he's not much of a vertical threat, his excellent ball skills would open up the offense at the intermediate level. Mayer posted back-to-back seasons with at least 800 receiving yards and seven touchdowns, and he's a bulldozer after the catch.



27. Buffalo Bills

Jordan Addison, WR, USC

Addison uses his speed, route-running savviness and high-end instincts to separate from coverage, and he'd fit nicely with this Buffalo offense. Despite a 5-11 frame, he can make tough catches down the field. And while Stefon Diggs is here to stay for a bit, the Bills need to find more pass-catchers. Gabe Davis is under contract for only one more year, and the depth chart beyond those two is lackluster. Addison had 159 catches for 2,468 yards and 25 touchdowns over the past two seasons (the first of which was at Pitt).



28. Cincinnati Bengals

Deonte Banks, CB, Maryland

The top two tight ends are off the board, which means we're looking at the other side of the ball for the Bengals. The secondary already lost Jessie Bates III, and Eli Apple is still unsigned. Chidobe Awuzie has only one year left on his deal. So padding the defense with an explosive and physical press corner would be a win for Cincinnati this late in Round 1. Banks had only one interception last season, but he broke up 10 passes and showed off his physical traits at the combine by finishing in the top three at the position in the 40-yard dash, vertical jump and broad jump.



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29. New Orleans Saints (via DEN/MIA/SF)

Adetomiwa Adebawore, DE/DT, Northwestern

Marcus Davenport, David Onyemata and Shy Tuttle signed elsewhere in free agency, and this Saints defensive line wasn't exactly a strength even before those subtractions. Last season, New Orleans was last in the NFL in pass rush win rate (28.5%) and 25th in run stop win rate (28.0%). Adebawore can help in both areas. He's a hybrid edge rusher and 3-technique who proved disruptive last season with five sacks and 10.5 tackles for loss. He has a powerful upper body, and I think he can be an every-down starter in the NFL early in his career. New coordinator Joe Woods could move Adebawore around this defense and let him impact multiple facets of the game.



30. Philadelphia Eagles

Will McDonald IV, DE, Iowa State

Let's double-dip on pass-rushers for the Eagles in Round 1 (they landed Van Ness at No. 10). It was one of the team's biggest strengths last season with an NFL-high 70 sacks, but Philly could use more depth there. Brandon Graham re-upped with the Eagles, but he's 34 years old. Robert Quinn might be out the door after he was acquired last November. With long arms and plenty of explosion, McDonald hunts quarterbacks. He picked up 27 sacks and 35.5 tackles for loss over the past three seasons and could be a Day 1 contributor as a rotational pass-rusher before developing into a starter off the edge to replace some of the aging players in this unit.



31. Kansas City Chiefs

Felix Anudike-Uzomah, DE, Kansas State

Anudike-Uzomah is a speed rusher who can beat double-teams and pursues the QB with relentless effort. He tallied 19.5 sacks and 30.5 tackles for loss since becoming a starter with the Wildcats in 2021. The Chiefs were second in sacks last season with 55, but much of their production came either from the blitz or Chris Jones on the interior. Adding Anudike-Uzomah to an edge-rush group that already includes George Karlaftis and Charles Omenihu should create a little more balance. As an aside, I bet the Chiefs take a look at their wide receiver board when they're on the clock, too. Tennessee's Jalin Hyatt could be a fun deep-threat addition to this offense.



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1. Carolina Panthers (via CHI)

Bryce Young | Alabama · QB · Junior

The Panthers will do their homework on this year's top quarterback prospects over the next month, but I believe Young is the best of the bunch and will emerge as their target.



2. Houston Texans

C.J. Stroud | Ohio State · QB · Sophomore (RS)

The Texans have some quality pieces in place on offense (including a franchise left tackle who just agreed to a contract extension) and Stroud should be able to hit the ground running as the Week 1 starter.



3. Arizona Cardinals

Will Anderson Jr. | Alabama · Edge · Junior

I won't be surprised if the Cardinals trade this pick to Indianapolis, Seattle or Las Vegas. If they stay here, Anderson makes the most sense for a team that desperately needs a difference-maker on the defensive line.



4. Indianapolis Colts

Anthony Richardson | Florida · QB · Sophomore (RS)

Will Levis could easily be the pick here, but Richardson's unbelievable athleticism would be a fun fit in Shane Steichen's offense.



5. Seattle Seahawks (via DEN)

Jalen Carter | Georgia · DT · Junior

The off-field concerns with Carter have been documented. On the field, he is the most talented player in this draft class and would provide Pete Carroll's defense with a dynamic interior disruptor.



6. Detroit Lions (via LAR)

Devon Witherspoon | Illinois · CB · Senior

Witherspoon doesn't have ideal size (5-foot-11 1/2, 181 pounds), but his game is very similar to that of Denzel Ward, who, like Witherspoon, played his college football in the Big Ten. Detroit has some difference-makers on the defensive front and has made some nice additions to the secondary this offseason, but Witherspoon's instincts and ball skills would fit beautifully in the back end.



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7. Las Vegas Raiders

Tyree Wilson | Texas Tech • Edge • Senior (RS)

I could still see the Raiders taking a quarterback here, even after signing Jimmy Garoppolo. However, Wilson would be a welcome addition opposite of Maxx Crosby. Chandler Jones failed to provide the desired impact after joining the Raiders last season.



8. Atlanta Falcons

Christian Gonzalez | Oregon • CB • Junior

The Falcons ranked 31st in third-down defense last season. Gonzalez would team up with A.J. Terrell to give Atlanta one of the biggest and most athletic cornerback duos in the league.



9. Chicago Bears (via CAR)

Peter Skoronski | Northwestern • OL • Junior

I love this pick for the Bears. Skoronski would be an immediate upgrade at right tackle for Justin Fields.



10. Philadelphia Eagles (via NO)

Lukas Van Ness | Iowa • Edge • Sophomore (RS)

The Eagles always focus on the line of scrimmage, and Van Ness has the versatility to play inside or outside. Brandon Graham and Fletcher Cox both were re-signed this offseason, but they're playing on one-year deals.



11. Tennessee Titans

Jaxon Smith-Njigba | Ohio State • WR • Junior

The Titans need to add some playmakers on offense. Smith-Njigba is a pure route runner who's ready to make an immediate impact.



12. Houston Texans (via CLE)

Myles Murphy | Clemson • Edge • Junior

The Texans landed their franchise quarterback with their first selection, and now they can add a dynamic piece to their defensive front. Murphy has tremendous upside.



13. New York Jets

Nolan Smith | Georgia • Edge • Senior

The Jets will likely lose Bryce Huff after next season and Carl Lawson is a potential salary cap casualty. Smith is the most explosive edge rusher in the draft.



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14. New England Patriots

Bijan Robinson | Texas · RB · Junior

The Patriots don't think like every other franchise. I believe they could see Robinson as a valuable addition instead of a player at a non-premium position. He would team up with Rhamondre Stevenson to give New England one of the best backfields in the NFL.



15. Green Bay Packers

Paris Johnson Jr. | Ohio State · OT · Junior

The Packers are set to begin the Jordan Love era this fall, and Johnson will start immediately at right tackle while providing insurance at left tackle.



16. Washington Commanders

Dalton Kincaid | Utah · TE · Senior

I wouldn't rule out a quarterback with this selection, but I love the idea of adding a dynamic tight end to Washington's impressive wide receiving corps. I'm excited to see what Sam Howell can do as the starter for the Commanders.



17. Pittsburgh Steelers

Broderick Jones | Georgia · OT · Sophomore (RS)

This would be a dream scenario for the Steelers as they continue to overhaul their offensive line this offseason.



18. Detroit Lions

Calijah Kancey | Pittsburgh · DT · Junior (RS)

Lions GM Brad Holmes spent a lot of time around Aaron Donald during his previous stop as the Rams' director of college scouting. Kancey isn't on Donald's level -- nobody is -- but his explosive quickness would beautifully complement Detroit's young edge rushers to give the Lions a fearsome pass-rush group.



19. Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Will Levis | Kentucky · QB · Senior (RS)

If Levis starts to slide, I believe a team like Tampa Bay will trade up to get him. In this scenario, he falls right into the Bucs' lap. Levis would compete with Baker Mayfield and Kyle Trask for the starting job.



20. Seattle Seahawks

Jordan Addison | USC · WR · Junior

Addison would be the perfect complement to the Seahawks' talented receiver duo of DK Metcalf and Tyler Lockett. He's a smooth route runner with outstanding ball skills and speed after the catch.



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21. Los Angeles Chargers

Zay Flowers | Boston College · WR · Senior

The Chargers prefer bigger wideouts, but Flowers would add an explosive element currently lacking in the passing attack.



22. Baltimore Ravens

Joey Porter Jr. | Penn State · CB · Junior (RS)

How fun would this be? Joey Porter to the Ravens. That just sounds amazing. He would be a tremendous value at a position of need for Baltimore.



23. Minnesota Vikings

Hendon Hooker | Tennessee · QB · Senior (RS)

The Vikings have been doing their homework on this quarterback class. Hooker is well-liked around the league and he could sit for a year behind Kirk Cousins before taking over and ushering in a new era for Kevin O'Connell.



24. Jacksonville Jaguars

Deonte Banks | Maryland · CB · Junior (RS)

Banks crushed his NFL Scouting Combine workout and his tape is really solid, too. Jacksonville needs to get better on the back end and Banks is ready to play right away.



25. New York Giants

Joe Tippmann | Wisconsin · IOL · Junior (RS)

The Giants did a nice job adding some much-needed speed to the skill positions in free agency. Tippmann would team up with two young, talented offensive tackles to protect Daniel Jones for the foreseeable future.



26. Dallas Cowboys

Mazi Smith | Michigan · DT · Junior (RS)

Smith has generated a lot of buzz in personnel circles for his combination of athleticism and power. His best football is ahead of him and he'd fill a need in Dallas.



27. Buffalo Bills

Quentin Johnston | TCU · WR · Junior

Opinions vary quite a bit from team to team when it comes to the wide receivers in this year's class. Johnston could be the first one taken or slide down to the bottom of the first round. He would give Josh Allen a big, explosive weapon to complement Stefon Diggs and Gabe Davis.



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28. Cincinnati Bengals

Darnell Wright | Tennessee • OT • Senior

Wright would plug and play at right tackle. Recent LT signee Orlando Brown Jr. is only 26 years old. Brown and Wright could hold down the bookend spots to protect Joe Burrow for quite a long time. Also, this pick would allow the Bengals to deal Jonah Williams for draft capital now that he has requested a trade.



29. New Orleans Saints (via DEN/MIA/SF)

Michael Mayer | Notre Dame • TE • Junior

Mayer would be an excellent value pick at this point in Round 1. He is a complete tight end, and Derek Carr would have a reliable security blanket on third down.



30. Philadelphia Eagles

Felix Anudike-Uzomah | Kansas State • Edge • Junior

The Eagles double down on defensive linemen. Anudike-Uzomah is a gifted edge rusher and posted excellent numbers over the last two seasons. GM Howie Roseman doesn't believe you can have too many pass rushers.



31. Kansas City Chiefs

Will McDonald IV | Iowa State • Edge • Senior (RS)

McDonald is an elite bender coming off the edge. The Chiefs moved on from Frank Clark this offseason and need to add more firepower to their pass rush.



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1. Carolina Panthers (via CHI)

C.J. Stroud | Ohio State · QB · Sophomore (RS)

In my models, Stroud has the highest floor of any QB in Year 1. Why? He has the sturdiest base, per computer vision. This means that his ability to throw, even when his platform isn't ideal (like when he's under pressure), forecasts to result in the fewest turnover-worthy plays. If Carolina is able to acquire another above-average or better WR (DeAndre Hopkins, maybe??) to pair with Stroud, Frank Reich would have an offense with a top-15 ceiling.



2. Houston Texans

Bryce Young | Alabama · QB · Junior

Young's Alabama film rates him the best college QB in this class, per computer vision. There is some extra volatility in projecting him to the next level, though. When his feet are set and he's on platform, he ranks in the top 15 percent of my 10-season sample -- and he can get his feet set under duress. However, he had one of the longest times to throw while not under pressure last season (3.02 seconds, per PFF, ranking T-153rd). When you look into why, you'll see he dropped back farther on average than the rest of the top passers in this class. Looking at QB comps from past drafts, passers who consistently had deep dropbacks have not fared well at the pro level unless their O-line -- specifically the tackles -- are able to hold off pressure well and recover when a rusher has a great second (or third) effort. Fortunately for Young, landing in Houston means he'll have the recently extended Laremy Tunsil protecting him for the foreseeable future.



3. Arizona Cardinals

Will Anderson Jr. | Alabama · Edge · Junior

I had the Cardinals selecting Tyree Wilson in my last mock, as Anderson had already come off the board. But with QBs likely going 1-2 on April 27 after the Panthers' trade, Arizona should have the chance at No. 3 overall to address a big positional need with my top-rated defender. Anderson's versatility and production (207 college pressures, per PFF) make him a great fit within Jonathan Gannon's defense, affording the new coach a foundational piece to begin his tenure in the desert.



4. Indianapolis Colts

Anthony Richardson | Florida · QB · Sophomore (RS)

My model tends to be conservative, so this pick surprised me a bit. Typically, my model wouldn't have a QB with relatively few career starts (Richardson) going ahead of a player with a similar overall rating and more starts (Will Levis). However, Richardson's fit with new coach Shane Steichen puts the Florida passer over the top. Steichen played a big part in transforming Jalen Hurts from a college star into a Super Bowl starter -- in part, by building off of Hurts' rushing ability. Combine Richardson's potential for a similar level of progression with Jonathan Taylor's prolific production and Richardson's NFL learning curve becomes a bit smoother.



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5. Seattle Seahawks (via DEN)



Tyree Wilson | Texas Tech · Edge · Senior (RS)

Wilson's value at this spot assumes he's healthy (foot) and contributing from the start of training camp as expected. Wilson netted 50 pressures last season, per PFF, and has improved in every computer vision forecasting method possible over the past three seasons. For people around his size (he's 6-foot-6, so I used 6-4 to 6-8 as the range in my 10-season sample) he ranks in the top 20 percent in speed after recovering from a block. That's a metric similar to the one I described earlier with Bryce Young, just from the defensive perspective.



6. Detroit Lions (via LAR)

Calijah Kancey | Pittsburgh · DT · Junior (RS)

Overall, Kancey is my 18th highest-rated prospect ... and this is slot No. 6. ... Are you picking up what I'm putting down, Detroit? Maybe see if you can add an extra pick or two in a later round and still get this guy, Motor City Kitties. Keen free agency moves at the corner position makes addressing the interior of the defensive line the value play here. Kancey had a ridiculous NFL Scouting Combine, and I was also able to watch his Pitt film with a few team execs to ask questions. Without being overly mathy, we looked at a few different ways of measuring his impact, and the one that stood out most to me was his lateral speed after traveling forward, which ranked in the top 5 percent of a 10-season sample. You know who might be great at understanding this value? GM Brad Holmes, who has experience with Aaron Donald from his Rams days. There are obvious connections there, but the main one is really valuing a prospect who is not a prototype.



7. Las Vegas Raiders

Jalen Carter | Georgia · DT · Junior

Top-tier game-speed burst on passing downs and impressive run-stopping ability (both rank in the top 20th percentiles in my 10-season sample), as well as alignment versatility, combine to create the highest win-total increase for a non-QB in this first-round mock (0.81 games).



8. Atlanta Falcons

Will Levis | Kentucky · QB · Senior (RS)

Fun fact: Levis threw the ball faster in 2022 than any quarterback in this draft class, per computer vision, topping 58 mph on a pass against Louisville in November.



9. Chicago Bears (via CAR)

Peter Skoronski | Northwestern · OT · Junior

Skoronski played LT at Northwestern, but some analysts project him as a guard at the pro level. My math suggests to build with Skoronski as a tackle and adjust accordingly to net the most wins.



10. Philadelphia Eagles (via NO)

Lukas Van Ness | Iowa · Edge · Sophomore (RS)

Same pairing as I had in my first mock; however, note that the order of my edges has changed a bit as I've gotten a better sense of what type of skills teams were prioritizing during the free-agency process. The Eagles' depth along their defensive front is by design.



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11. Tennessee Titans

Nolan Smith | Georgia · Edge · Senior

The Titans are overhauling their roster, and while I was a bit surprised that a wide receiver didn't pop up here, Smith makes sense because his presence along a revamped defensive front adds the most immediate value.



12. Houston Texans (via CLE)

Myles Murphy | Clemson · Edge · Junior

Murphy has top-eight value when factoring in his fit within DeMeco Ryans' defense. Houston gets him at No. 12 overall, wrapping up the round with a three-down defender and a new franchise QB.



13. New York Jets

Paris Johnson Jr. | Ohio State · OT · Junior

Aaron Rodgers was under pressure more than twice as often last year than he had been in the previous two seasons, per computer vision. While I am hopeful Mekhi Becton is healthy and able to line up at tackle, the former first-round pick has played just 48 snaps in two seasons. This win-now roster benefits most in the short term by building in the trenches. The 6-6, 310-pound former Buckeye didn't give up even one sack on 449 pass-rush blocks and allowed just 14 pressures in 2022, per PFF.



14. New England Patriots

Devon Witherspoon | Illinois · CB · Senior

It's highly unlikely Witherspoon lasts until No. 14 overall, but if he's still on the board, the Pats jump at the opportunity to team my top-rated CB with Jonathan Jones and Jack Jones. Witherspoon ranks first for me in zone and man-heavy schemes; in other words, he's the least system-dependent corner in this class, per my projections.



15. Green Bay Packers

Jaxon Smith-Njigba | Ohio State · WR · Junior

My model loves reliable route runners who are above a specific speed threshold (can travel 10 yards in 2.5 seconds or less when pressed, or 2.1 seconds when not pressed during a game). Smith-Njigba is the latest Buckeye to fit this mold -- just watch his 2021 tape. (Alabama also has a knack for churning out these kinds of receivers.) I can hear you already: But the Packers don't draft receivers in the first round. Well ... maybe they should?



16. Washington Commanders

Christian Gonzalez | Oregon · CB · Junior

Sticking with Gonzalez here. His skill set should help a secondary that needs to increase its turnover production.



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17. Pittsburgh Steelers

Broderick Jones, OT, Georgia

My models rank last season's O-line 26th in the league, and Jones forecasts as an impact left tackle from Day 1. The former Bulldog's presence should especially be felt in the pass game, where the Steelers ranked 26th in passing yards per play last season (5.97 yards).



18. Detroit Lions

Dalton Kincaid | Utah · TE · Senior

The Lions have a strong O-line (forecasts to be in the top echelon) already, so Kincaid's value is really about his pass-catching prowess. He was highly productive last year (70 catches for 890 yards), showcasing real ability after the catch.



19. Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Anton Harrison | Oklahoma · OT · Junior

Offensive line has to be a priority after some key departures. Harrison played LT at Oklahoma and allowed only one knock down (sack/hit) on 425 pass pro snaps last season, per PFF.



20. Seattle Seahawks

Jordan Addison | USC · WR · Junior

My models are higher on Addison than you might see in other mocks. But as I mentioned earlier, I like measured route runners who run above a certain speed threshold -- Addison checks those boxes. Pairing him with the likes of Tyler Lockett and DK Metcalf should open up space for him to operate and limit the number of contested catches he's forced to make (an area CV flags as a potential transition problem at the next level).



21. Los Angeles Chargers

Michael Mayer | Notre Dame · TE · Junior

Mayer profiles as a complete TE who excels both as a blocker and pass catcher. With the uncertainty surrounding Austin Ekeler, I could see the Chargers targeting Bijan Robinson here. But assuming Ekeler stays put, Mayer helps the team the most in 2023.



22. Baltimore Ravens

Quentin Johnston | TCU · WR · Junior

Johnston edged out the available corners by a slim margin. Whoever's lining up under center for Baltimore (I'm assuming it'll still be Lamar Jackson) will appreciate Johnston's size (6-3, 208) and 8.9 yards after the catch per reception (tied 10th, per PFF).



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23. Minnesota Vikings

Joey Porter Jr. | Penn State · CB · Junior (RS)

Porter edged out the remaining receivers here by the slimmest win-share margin. The Vikings need to shore up their pass defense, and Porter proved last season (allowed just 143 yards in 10 games) he can be a difference-maker in the back end.



24. Jacksonville Jaguars

Deonte Banks | Maryland · CB · Junior (RS)

Probably my biggest riser from Mock 1.0 to Mock 2.0 and not just because he had a monster combine. Banks is a taller corner at 6-foot-2 and has lateral speed that falls into the top 20th percentile of my 10-season sample. Usually shorter corners fall into this category. Further, his improvement season over season suggests he's nowhere near his peak.



25. New York Giants

Zay Flowers | Boston College · WR · Senior

Corner or WR? WR or corner? That's what these past few picks have been all about. I'm sticking with Flowers as the Giants' pick, with the receiver just edging out the remaining corners.



26. Dallas Cowboys

Bijan Robinson | Texas · RB · Junior

I'm going to pretend the Cowboys read my first mock and my restructure or release article and took my advice. ... Robinson is a special back, with the speed, power and elusiveness to manufacture yards (104 forced missed tackles in 2022, per PFF).



27. Buffalo Bills

Cam Smith | South Carolina · CB · Junior (RS)

I am aware that the Bills have a strong defensive back group. I am also aware of needs at other positions. I am also, also aware that Leslie Frazier is taking the season off and Buffalo's defense might not look the same with Sean McDermott calling the plays. However, this is a team that used at least five defensive backs on more than 90 percent of plays last season, enduring a lot of injuries. Cam Smith at Pick 27 would be a nice upside selection. His change of direction speed ranked in the top 10 percent of FBS players, which helps contextualize his 15 pass breakups and four interceptions off just 70 targets. Note: There are good RB options (and many at a favorable price) in the marketplace.



28. Cincinnati Bengals

Darnell Wright | Tennessee · OT · Senior

Wright is a Day 1 right tackle whose addition would allow Cincinnati to move on from Jonah Williams, leading to more draft capital in the process. Wins all around. Also, if someone in the Bengals front office is reading this ... please sign Joe Burrow right now. It's only going to get more expensive.



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29. New Orleans Saints (via DEN/MIA/SF)

BJ Ojulari | LSU · Edge · Junior

Ojulari gets a big boost in his first season trajectory working with Cameron Jordan. His versatility against both the run and pass creates the most immediate upside for the Saints. It's also funny to me that his comp is his brother. (I do all comps blind, so you can imagine my nerdy delight when things like that happen.) In the past two seasons at LSU (including postseason play), he totaled more than 100 pressures and 17 sacks, per PFF.



30. Philadelphia Eagles

Brian Branch | Alabama · CB · Junior

Don't let his 40 time fool you, Branch would be a great add for a team with very few holes to fill. First, while Branch played in the slot most often at Alabama, my math rates him as versatile and not relegated to just that spot. He's also a reliable tackler whose upside could be realized in Philly's system.



31. Kansas City Chiefs

Felix Anudike-Uzomah | Kansas State · Edge · Junior

Bryan Bresee, Will McDonald and Adetomiwa Adebawore all flag as valuable picks here, too, but Anudike-Uzomah slightly edges them all out. Oh the puns. The former Wildcat ranked eighth in the FBS last year in pass-rush win rate on true pass sets (34%) and seventh in pressure rate (28%), per PFF.



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1. Carolina Panthers (via CHI)

Bryce Young | Alabama · QB · Junior

Teams I've spoken with compare him more often to a point guard than a quarterback, and that's OK. He's going to have the collective voices of head coach Frank Reich, quarterbacks coach Josh McCown, senior assistant Jim Caldwell and veteran QB Andy Dalton in his ear. Young's small stature is a legit red flag to some evaluators; I still think he's the pick at No. 1. The 2021 Heisman Trophy winner is a natural leader who can be the face of a franchise.



2. Indianapolis Colts (via mock trade with HOU)

C.J. Stroud | Ohio State · QB · Sophomore (RS)

Would Indianapolis trade DeForest Buckner and the No. 4 overall pick to move up two spots? I think Houston would have to listen if it's offered. Remember, new Texans head coach DeMeco Ryans was with Buckner for three seasons in San Francisco, and "DeFo" just restructured his contract. If Buckner is not included in the trade, how about adding a second- or third-round pick instead? It's also worth noting that Stroud is represented by the same agent as Deshaun Watson; I wonder if this could play any role in the selection of the Ohio State quarterback, based on the acrimonious way Watson's time with the Texans ended.



3. Arizona Cardinals

Will Anderson Jr. | Alabama · Edge · Junior

I will say this, and you can print it and scream it from the mountaintops: I'm sure Arizona would love to trade back; I just don't know if there's a team looking to trade up to land Anthony Richardson or Will Levis. Will Anderson Jr. is a safe and smart pick for a team that needs talent at just about every position.



4. Houston Texans (via mock trade with IND)

Tyree Wilson | Texas Tech · Edge · Senior (RS)

After trading out of No. 2, Houston passes on a QB again and continues to build up the defense. Wilson has an 86-inch wingspan and grew up in Texas. Had a foot injury not prevented this gifted edge rusher from competing in the NFL Scouting Combine (or during Texas Tech's pro day), everyone would have been buzzing about him for the last month and change.



5. Seattle Seahawks (via DEN)

Anthony Richardson | Florida · QB · Sophomore (RS)

The Seahawks love Geno Smith, and there's no doubt he's the man for 2023. But with two picks in the top 20, they can go with a quarterback here -- after all, they surely don't plan on picking in the top five again anytime soon. If another QB-needy team doesn't leapfrog them, the 'Hawks can secure a signal-caller for the future. Seattle has time to get Richardson in the room with coordinator Shane Waldron so that he can learn the offense.



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6. Detroit Lions (via LAR)

Jalen Carter | Georgia · DT · Junior

Elite player whose off-field/character questions could be a red flag for some teams. Carter met with Detroit on Monday. The thought of this defensive tackle joining last year's No. 2 overall pick, Aidan Hutchinson, is quite intriguing -- two blue-chip talents on one defensive line.



7. Las Vegas Raiders

Peter Skoronski | Northwestern · OT · Junior

Skoronski is a steady, reliable guy who can play multiple spots on a Raiders' offensive line that desperately needs some help. He's smart as a whip, and Josh McDaniels and Co. have long valued above-the-neck qualities.



8. Atlanta Falcons

Nolan Smith | Georgia · Edge · Senior

Atlanta adds another defensive piece to a unit that's been rebuilt this offseason. An explosive combine opened some eyes in the media to Smith, but NFL teams have been high on the former five-star recruit for the last few years.



9. Chicago Bears (via CAR)

Christian Gonzalez | Oregon · CB · Junior

This strong, smart, speedy corner out of Oregon (via Colorado) is a gamer. The Bears have so many needs, and snagging a top cover man with the ninth overall choice makes them better tomorrow. He could go before Illinois CB Devon Witherspoon.



10. Philadelphia Eagles (via NO)

Bijan Robinson | Texas · RB · Junior

I know the Eagles haven't drafted a running back in the first round since the 1980s. I also know there aren't many elite players in this class. Robinson is one. Pure and simple.



11. Tennessee Titans

Hendon Hooker | Tennessee · QB · Senior (RS)

I can see Tennessee moving up to get a quarterback like Anthony Richardson or C.J. Stroud. GM Ran Carthon and coach Mike Vrabel were making the rounds at the pro days for all the top QBs last month. But if the Titans aim to land one at their current draft slot, I'm leaning toward Hooker being their choice over Will Levis, despite Hooker being a 25-year-old coming off a torn ACL. This might shock the world -- or, by the time the draft arrives, it might not be that big of a shock at all.



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12. Houston Texans (via CLE)

Myles Murphy | Clemson · Edge · Junior

If Houston can scoop up a veteran like DeForest Buckner (in the prospective trade spelled out above) or a future pick by trading out of No. 2, snag Tyree Wilson or Will Anderson and get its QB of the future within the top 12 overall picks? That'd be a good night for GM Nick Caserio and the new coaching staff. Houston is a curious case in this draft, for sure, and after Indianapolis, I don't have a perfect spot for a Levis. But if you're the Texans and you don't go QB at 2, the Kentucky product has to be a real consideration at 12.



13. New York Jets

Broderick Jones | Georgia · OT · Sophomore (RS)

I am not sure if Aaron Rodgers will be the Jets' quarterback by the time they are on the clock, but either way, I don't see this pick going to Green Bay. I do see the Jets addressing the offensive line, one of the team's biggest needs after injuries riddled the unit a year ago. Teams appear to be split on whether Jones, Peter Skoronski or Paris Johnson Jr. will be the first O-lineman taken.



14. New England Patriots

Devon Witherspoon | Illinois · CB · Senior

Witherspoon is a top talent and could be off the board within the first eight overall picks. I have him remaining available here ... and the Patriots pouncing. New England could also go with a WR -- and in the scenario I'm sketching out with this mock, they're all still on the board, too.



15. Green Bay Packers

Jaxon Smith-Njigba | Ohio State · WR · Junior

The wideout class is weird this year in that there's no apparent slam-dunk No. 1, and the scouting and coaching communities don't seem overly enthusiastic about any of the prospects as clear-cut blue-chip players. To each his own. I'll put JSN as the first WR taken, but that's no sure thing. Green Bay snagging a receiver now -- with Aaron Rodgers (presumably) leaving the building, after years of the Packers neglecting the position in the first round -- would be humorous. Oh, the irony.



16. Washington Commanders

Dalton Kincaid | Utah · TE · Senior

When healthy, Kincaid can do it all. He flourished at Utah, and though not a punishing blocker in the run game, he can hang there, too. He told NFL Network's Omar Ruiz at Utah's pro day in March that he was cleared to begin working out and expected to be cleared for full contact by May. He should go first of the tight ends. Washington's new offensive coordinator, Eric Bieniemy, knows a thing or two about utilizing the position, given his history in Kansas City.



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17. Pittsburgh Steelers

Paris Johnson Jr. | Ohio State • OT • Junior

The Steelers like plucking prospects from Ohio State. Johnson is a versatile pass protector who can play right away and shouldn't escape the top 20. I have Pittsburgh passing on Joey Porter's son, which just doesn't feel right. Oh well.



18. Detroit Lions

Joey Porter Jr. | Penn State • CB • Junior (RS)

The Lions loaded up on DB talent in free agency, but they could still be in the market for a top corner prospect if they pass on Christian Gonzalez and Devon Witherspoon at No. 6. Porter can hang with both of those other cats and could still be on the board when Detroit comes back on the clock at No. 18. Tough mentality -- a real Aaron Glenn/Dan Campbell type of guy.



19. Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Deonte Banks | Maryland • CB • Junior (RS)

Banks has enjoyed a really nice pre-draft period, working out at an extremely high level and interviewing well with NFL teams. The Buccaneers brought back Jamel Dean but lost Sean Murphy-Bunting to the Titans. Tampa Bay has many needs. It would be interesting if Will Levis and/or Hendon Hooker were still on the board at this point, which is certainly possible in the real thing.



20. Seattle Seahawks

Lukas Van Ness | Iowa • Edge • Sophomore (RS)

The redshirt sophomore didn't start at Iowa due to Kirk Ferentz's seniority-based approach, but he has a high motor and has been a star of the pre-draft workout circuit. Still, Van Ness is a polarizing prospect, as some teams aren't as high on him as others. It feels like he could go anywhere from No. 6 to the end of the first round.



21. Los Angeles Chargers

Michael Mayer | Notre Dame • TE • Junior

Another offensive weapon for Justin Herbert. Mayer is a fine all-around tight end prospect. He's not as explosive as, say, Kyle Pitts, but he's still a highly regarded pass catcher. Not to mention, he can pass block and loves to road grade in the run game. Bottom line: The Notre Dame product can play right away in an NFL offense.



22. Baltimore Ravens

Darnell Wright | Tennessee • OT • Senior

Wright's a likely first-rounder, though NFL teams seem a little mixed on the mauling tackle. There's no questioning his dominant performance in Tennessee's thrilling win over Alabama last October, when Wright erased ballyhooed edge rusher Will Anderson Jr. In this simulation, the Ravens grab the 6-5, 333-pounder and figure he'll be a key piece of the team's future, whether Lamar Jackson is or not.



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23. Minnesota Vikings

Jordan Addison | USC · WR · Junior

I know of at least one team that has Addison as its top-rated wide receiver. With Adam Thielen now in Carolina, this pairing makes sense. That said, Minnesota can go a variety of ways here. With Kirk Cousins in the last year of his contract, quarterback could be an option, but the Vikings might have to aggressively jump up the board in order to get their man at that position.



24. Jacksonville Jaguars

Brian Branch | Alabama · DB · Junior

I think it's offensive lineman or defensive back here for the Jaguars. Branch was the slot corner for Alabama, but he could play all over Jacksonville's secondary.



25. New York Giants

Zay Flowers | Boston College · WR · Senior

Explosive receiver who met with the Giants last week in New Jersey. Another offensive addition for Daniel Jones.



26. Dallas Cowboys

Jahmyr Gibbs | Alabama · RB · Junior

The Cowboys have an incredibly strong track record when it comes to recent first-round picks: WR CeeDee Lamb and LB Micah Parsons have both made the past two Pro Bowls, while OL Tyler Smith showed plenty of promise in Year 1. After the release of former No. 4 overall pick Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas has room for another back. With Bijan Robinson off the board, Jerry Jones and Co. scoop up the explosive Gibbs.



27. Buffalo Bills

Myles Murphy | Clemson · Edge · Junior

Buffalo adds another young pass rusher to an already-deep rotation. If the Bills are going to compete with Patrick Mahomes and Joe Burrow over the next decade, they can't stop adding to that D-line.



28. Cincinnati Bengals

Darnell Washington | Georgia · TE · Junior

The Bengals signed Irv Smith Jr. in free agency and have high hopes for him, but it's a one-year prove-it deal following an injury-riddled 2022 campaign. Washington would be another weapon for the offense -- and the big man can block, too. Three tight ends in the first round? Weird draft, I know.



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29. New Orleans Saints (via DEN/MIA/SF)

Jonathan Mingo | Mississippi · WR · Senior

In a receiver class that's short on size, Mingo is a physical presence (6-2, 220 pounds) who tested well in Indianapolis (4.46 40-yard dash, 39.5-inch vertical leap, 22 bench reps). Mingo is not as polished as some other wideouts in this class, and not every scout is a fan, but many in the coaching community seem to love him. New Orleans late in Round 1 feels right.



30. Philadelphia Eagles

Will McDonald IV | Iowa State · Edge · Senior (RS)

The Eagles are always on the hunt for trench talent, and Nick Sirianni has a strong link to Iowa State coach Matt Campbell, his former college teammate at Mount Union. McDonald is a first-round talent.



31. Kansas City Chiefs

Quentin Johnston | TCU · WR · Junior

The Chiefs made it work with what they had at wideout last year and envision big production from some young pass catchers going forward. But if Johnston's still available at No. 31, I could see Brett Veach pouncing on a big, physical wideout with moves.



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1. Carolina Panthers (via CHI)

Bryce Young | Alabama · QB · Junior

There has been a lot of smoke around C.J. Stroud in this spot, but Young checks more boxes and makes more sense as a game-ready option for Frank Reich.



2. Houston Texans

Tyree Wilson | Texas Tech · Edge · Senior (RS)

If the Texans miss out on Young, they might not be a lock to take Stroud. With needs along the defensive front and two 2023 first-round picks, the choice could be between Wilson and Will Anderson Jr.



3. Arizona Cardinals

Will Anderson Jr. | Alabama · Edge · Junior

If the Texans pass on a quarterback at No. 2 overall, this slot could become a hot spot for teams looking to trade up for Stroud. For now, we will stick with the top pass rusher on the board.



4. Baltimore Ravens (via mock trade with IND)

C.J. Stroud | Ohio State · QB · Sophomore (RS)

If a trade is going to get done for Lamar Jackson, you would think Baltimore would like it to happen before the draft -- especially if the deal is with the Colts, who hold the fourth overall pick. It would be hard to pass on Stroud in this spot.



5. Seattle Seahawks (via DEN)

Jalen Carter | Georgia · DT · Junior

Carter might be the most talented player in this draft and the Seahawks need interior help. If the team is comfortable with Carter after examining his off-field issues, GM John Schneider could turn the card in for him.



6. Detroit Lions (via LAR)

Devon Witherspoon | Illinois · CB · Senior

The Lions have added cornerbacks via free agency to help bolster their ailing unit, but they still need a top dog. Witherspoon's ballhawking could make him a coveted selection here.



7. Houston Texans (via mock trade with LV)

Will Levis | Kentucky · QB · Senior (RS)

With 12 picks in this year's draft and additional capital in 2024, Houston spends some to move up for the strong-armed but erratic QB from Kentucky.



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8. Atlanta Falcons

Christian Gonzalez | Oregon · CB · Junior

Gonzalez is one of the most physically and athletically gifted prospects in the draft. The Falcons should be excited to add him to a secondary in need.



9. Chicago Bears (via CAR)

Lukas Van Ness | Iowa · Edge · Sophomore (RS)

A big-time athletic tester with upside, Van Ness has the potential to play multiple spots along the defensive front. His best football is still ahead of him.



10. Philadelphia Eagles (via NO)

Peter Skoronski | Northwestern · OL · Junior

Skoronski immediately steps into the right guard spot and offers swing tackle value if the Eagles need him to play outside at some point.



11. Tennessee Titans

Jaxon Smith-Njigba | Ohio State · WR · Junior

I wanted to give the Titans an offensive tackle in this spot, but their need for help at wide receiver appears to be even more pressing right now.



12. Las Vegas Raiders (via mock trade with HOU/via CLE)

Darnell Wright | Tennessee · OT · Junior

Cornerback should be an option here, too, but supply and demand points to tackle. Wright has good size and strength. He was impressive at the NFL Scouting Combine and can get the job done at right tackle.



13. New York Jets

Broderick Jones | Georgia · OT · Sophomore (RS)

If the Jets and Packers finally agree to an Aaron Rodgers trade, protecting the quarterback will be crucial. Jones can compete right away at right tackle and offer insurance at left tackle.



14. New England Patriots

Anthony Richardson | Florida · QB · Sophomore (RS)

There's reportedly tension between Bill Belichick and Mac Jones. In this scenario, the Patriots look to deal Jones for a draft pick and choose to develop the dynamic but raw Richardson.



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15. Green Bay Packers

Dalton Kincaid | Utah · TE · Senior

The Packers add a fantastic pass-catching option with the ability to handle a high volume of targets from a young quarterback looking for stability.



16. Washington Commanders

Paris Johnson Jr. | Ohio State · OT · Junior

The Commanders can use Johnson at either tackle position or guard early on, but he's ultimately going to be drafted to hold down the left tackle spot in the future.



17. Pittsburgh Steelers

Deonte Banks | Maryland · CB · Junior (RS)

Banks should come in and compete for a starting spot. A bonus is that he can learn under the guidance of a player who boasted similar athletic talent when he entered the NFL in 2011: Patrick Peterson.



18. Detroit Lions

Michael Mayer | Notre Dame · TE · Junior

After grabbing the top ballhawk in the draft sixth overall, the Lions switch to the other side of the ball for this pick, adding a solid "Y" tight end with the ability to make tough catches and bolster the running game.



19. Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Nolan Smith | Georgia · Edge · Senior

Veteran linebacker Lavonte David could be gone after this year, and the pass rush needs improvement. Why not add a dynamic athlete with elite football character who can play off the ball or rush off the edge?



20. Seattle Seahawks

Myles Murphy | Clemson · Edge · Junior

Uchenna Nwosu's contract is due to expire after the 2023 season. Murphy can slide right into one of the edge spots and immediately upgrade Seattle's run defense while potentially rushing inside on sub-packages.



21. Los Angeles Chargers

Jalin Hyatt | Tennessee · WR · Junior

Hyatt's vertical talent should allow Chargers QB Justin Herbert to make more explosive plays over the top while loosening up the coverage underneath and creating lighter boxes for the running game.



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22. Baltimore Ravens



Zay Flowers | Boston College · WR · Senior

It's not out of the question that the Ravens go with a guard or edge rusher here, but Flowers adds a much-needed pass-catching element to Baltimore's offense, no matter who is at quarterback.



23. Buffalo Bills (via mock trade with MIN)

Bijan Robinson | Texas · RB · Junior

Buffalo can smell the Super Bowl, and the best way to get there might be to jump up and lock in a three-down back who can take pressure off QB Josh Allen and help the Bills control games more efficiently.



24. Jacksonville Jaguars

Joey Porter Jr. | Penn State · CB

Need meets talent here. Porter has the ability -- and, as the son of former linebacker Joey Porter, the NFL bloodlines -- to come in and compete for a starting spot right away.



25. New York Giants

Brian Branch | Alabama · CB · Junior

The smart, tough and consistent Branch can play nickel or step right into the safety spot that opened up with the free agency departure of Julian Love.



26. Dallas Cowboys

Quentin Johnston | TCU · WR · Junior

Dallas picks up help for not only QB Dak Prescott, but also for receiver CeeDee Lamb -- Johnson's ability to win the deep ball could make life easier on everyone.



27. Minnesota Vikings (via mock trade with BUF)

Drew Sanders | Arkansas · LB · Junior

Sanders spent one season at inside linebacker and absolutely filled up the stat sheet at Arkansas. He's big and a solid athlete; he can be a capable pass rusher for Minnesota to deploy when needed.



28. Cincinnati Bengals

Luke Musgrave | Oregon State · TE · Senior

Musgrave is an above-average run-blocker as a college prospect and has a ton of upside as a pass-catcher. Bengals QB Joe Burrow has a history, dating back to his time at LSU, of using tight ends to exploit opposing defenses.



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29. New Orleans Saints (via DEN/MIA/SF)

Calijah Kancey | Pittsburgh · DT · Junior (RS)

Kancey plays with terrifying first-step quickness as a penetrator and a pass-rusher. He lacks the size for usage on early downs, but he could have game-altering potential if the Saints are able to slow opposing offenses on first down.



30. Philadelphia Eagles

Keion White | Georgia Tech · Edge · Senior (RS)

White has the frame to take over inside for Fletcher Cox in the future as well as the athleticism to be a big power end who can develop into a run-stopper with rush abilities.



31. Kansas City Chiefs

Cedric Tillman | Tennessee · WR · Senior (RS)

Tillman totaled 17 catches for 352 yards and two touchdowns in games against Georgia and Alabama in 2021 when he was fully healthy. With his high ankle sprain behind him, this is a steal.



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PETER KING – PRO FOOTBALL TALK



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1. Carolina Panthers (via CHI)

Bryce Young, QB, Alabama

The number, rightfully, that has been an obsession for draftniks—and for teams—is 5-10. That's Young's height, and it says so much about the state of football in 2023 that an NFL team would have the audacity to make a 5-10 quarterback with an average NFL arm the first pick in the draft. I would counter by saying this number should be just as important: two. Young threw 380 passes in 12 games for Alabama last fall, and two were batted down or deflected at the line of scrimmage. The 6-6 Justin Herbert threw 699 passes last year, and had 23 batted down or deflected at the line. Every player is a risk, and the bust factor among quarterbacks is high, and Young, two inches shorter than Drew Brees and a half-inch shorter than Russell Wilson, told me at the Combine the height thing hasn't gotten in the way during his young life. "I definitely didn't shrink any time recently," Young said. "I'm comfortable with myself. I'm confident in my abilities." I think Carolina's making the right call here. Young showed consistently on tape (and on the newly important S2 processing test) that his quick-twitch decision-making is the best in this QB class. He gets high marks for leadership and ability to shine under pressure. I understand those who would say it's a reach by the Panthers, because he'll be playing in the land of the giants every week. But Carolina needs a franchise quarterback. You don't get to pick which year you'll have the top pick or be able to trade for the top pick. It's right here, right now for the Panthers, and Young is the best candidate for the pick. Carolina should attach the uber-positive and experienced Josh McCown, the new quarterbacks coach, to the hip of Young and get him ready to play opening day—a new day in the history of the Panthers.



2. Houston Texans

Tyree Wilson, edge rusher, Texas Tech

I've gone back and forth, forth and back, on this pick and this slot. In the end, I think two things: One, GM Nick Caserio trained under Bill Belichick and learned that just because you have a crying need at a position, you don't force yourself to choose a player you don't love in order to fill that hole, because you may end up needing to fill the same hole again two years down the road. Two: The Texans might see Wilson filling the mold of Nick Bosa, a difference-making quick-twitch rusher, more than Will Anderson. Coach DeMeco Ryans loved the impact of Bosa in San Francisco and knows that, aside from quarterback, the hugest hole on his team is at pass-rusher. The rush depth chart for the Texans is putrid. But obviously this pick would be a vote against C.J. Stroud as much as a vote for Wilson. Things to watch for here: Is there a team, even with all the smoke about Stroud, that would want to trade up for him with Houston or Arizona? And would the Texans risk passing on a quarterback here or with their second pick in the round (12th)? Seems incredible to think Houston might exit the top 10 without a quarterback, flawed though they are. One other point to make here is that Anderson would win over Wilson—who also is recovering from a foot injury—in a vote of 31 GMs if the question was, Who's the better pro prospect—Anderson or Wilson?



3. Tennessee Titans (via mock trade with ARI)

C.J. Stroud, quarterback, Ohio State

How cool would it be if the two rookie GMs in the first round combined to shake it up? This trade and pick makes sense, but honestly, I have no idea if it'll happen. It would serve Arizona's purpose of getting significant draft capital—trading down eight spots for either a one next year or maybe three picks in the top 75 over this draft and 2024. And the Titans, who I hear have lost faith in Malik Willis, might be in a unique position here. Coach Mike Vrabel is tight with Ohio State coach Ryan Day. Vrabel will get the real about Stroud from Day, and I think that real will be mostly positive. And Vrabel will be a good coach for Stroud. That plus the fact that Ryan Tannehill would be able to give Stroud time to adjust to the pro game. One thing re: the sudden knocks about Stroud, which absolutely should not be ignored but absolutely should be put into perspective – This from one exec of a team, a winning team, that respects the S2 athlete-processing test that, per McGinn, had Stroud grade very low: "All of a sudden the S2 test is the Bible. Why? It's a smart test. But how did the guy play? How was his tape?" I would like this deal for Tennessee, and for Arizona.



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4. Indianapolis Colts

Will Levis, quarterback, Kentucky

I don't believe the Colts will trade to two, so let's put a kibosh on that. This one has risen up over the last week or so, and I've heard so much here that I'm not sure at all what to believe. Seems way too high for Levis, and I will not be stunned if Roger Goodell announces Anthony Richardson here. Levis' IQ and football IQ are both strong, and that appeals to the Colts. He's a favorite of the Mannings, and that appeals to the Colts (though an overrated factor in the public's mind). And the Colts, it seems, have to pick Levis or Richardson to get off the quarterback-a-year merry-go-round. It wouldn't surprise me if coach Shane Steichen leaned Richardson and used Gardner Minshew or Nick Foles as the 2023 interim while getting Richardson ready for 2024. This will be an interesting pivot point of the draft, and Levis going here would leave Seattle and Detroit smiling widely at picks five and six.



5. Seattle Seahawks (via DEN)

Jalen Carter, defensive tackle, Georgia

If it falls this way, I think it'd be a tough call—Jalen Carter or Will Anderson, the cleanest player in the draft, or long-term QB prospect Anthony Richardson, or the best cornerback in the draft, Devon Witherspoon. They're all cleaner than Carter. But one of the things I like about the way Seattle does business is the Seahawks view their business model as being designed to handle all kinds of players, the model citizens and those with checkered pasts. They don't shy away from very talented players because of sketchy resumes; they figure their coaching staff and behind-the-scenes player-development staff will find a way to put players in the best position to win. This is GM John Schneider's 14th draft in Seattle, and he's never had a top-five pick. The bonus for Schneider is he also picks at 20—and only four times has he had a top-20 pick. Such is the reign of success for Schneider and head coach Pete Carroll. I don't discount the impact of the last problem defensive tackle the Seahawks drafted—Malik McDowell early in the second round of 2017. He never played a down for the Seahawks after having a host of off-field problems. And the red flags around Carter certainly are notable. Two other things, as a person with a team that's done a lot of work on Carter told me: Seattle defensive coordinator Clint Hurtt will be firm and demanding with Carter; he's an old-school coach who won't take passive effort. And Seattle is the franchise that gets Carter furthest away from his comfort zones—Athens, Ga., and his hometown of Apopka, Fla. Apopka to Seattle: 3,073 miles. This is a bit of a roll of the dice. If it happens, you know Schneider's done a ton of homework on Carter.



6. Detroit Lions (via LAR)

Will Anderson, edge rusher, Alabama

Well now. How about the Lions getting the top edge-rush prospects (on many boards) in two successive drafts—Aidan Hutchinson and Anderson? Most interesting quote from a GM in the market for an edge rusher: "Tyree Wilson's a swing for the fences. Will Anderson's a solid double." This pick also fits the Lions—right now—because of the gambling suspensions they were hit with last week. It's a tough call here, with cornerback also being a long-term need and every corner left on the board—including Illinois' Devon Witherspoon, who's the kind of uber-physical hitter who'd fit in well with the tough-guy coaching staff of Dan Campbell. But Anderson's a solid, positive pick, another brick in the wall for GM Brad Holmes in his attempt to build a division champion, and more, in no-longer-woebegone Detroit.



7. Las Vegas Raiders

Devon Witherspoon, cornerback, Illinois

I never saw the Raiders as eager QB-seekers in this draft after signing Jimmy Garoppolo. Though I'm not certain they won't go QB, I think GM Dave Ziegler views his roster as having more important needs. Ziegler and coach Josh McDaniels, I believe, would relish this scenario, with every corner and every offensive lineman on the board still—two position groups that must be addressed in this draft. Witherspoon is a tenacious and versatile player, and that versatility drives him to the top of the cornerback class. He's played outside corner and slot corner, and he's played man and zone. He was the best tackler on Illinois' defense in 2022. On a corner-needy defense, it'd be a surprise if Witherspoon wasn't a day-one starter.



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8. Atlanta Falcons

Bijan Robinson, running back, Texas

This is too high to pick Robinson, of course. I do know the Falcons really want to trade down, and I do know they like Robinson (who doesn't?) because he's the best running back in the draft and has the rare ability to segue into receiver mode with great hands and strong slot capabilities. Of course they'd want to trade down, because taking Robinson at eight would be leaving draft capital on the table. But if they take Robinson, here or lower, imagine the investment in young offensive weapons if this comes true. Round one, fourth pick, 2021: tight end Kyle Pitts ... Round one, eighth pick, 2022: wide receiver Drake London ... Round one, eighth pick, 2023: running back/slot receiver Bijan Robinson. Add 1,000-yard rookie running back Tyler Allgeier from the fifth round in 2022, tight end Jonnu Smith in free agency this year, and maybe one more profitable year from runner/receiver/returner Cordarrelle Patterson and tell me—would there be a team in the NFC South that's better in in-prime offensive weaponry than Atlanta?



9. Chicago Bears (via CAR)

Paris Johnson Jr., tackle, Ohio State

If you're GM Ryan Poles, you've solved a few problems already with offseason acquisitions at receiver (D.J. Moore) and linebacker (T.J. Edwards, Tremaine Edmunds) and guard (Nate Davis). This is the next one—the rock at tackle Poles hopes Johnson can be. Johnson's stock rose this offseason and he should be immediate help for a line that allowed an unacceptable 58 sacks last year.



10. Philadelphia Eagles (via NO)

Nolan Smith, edge rusher, Georgia

Came very close to giving the Eagles Peter Skoronski here, but two things happened Sunday. A GM who's always smart when I do this exercise told me he knew the Eagles love Smith. And someone else told me Skoronski's very likely to play guard, and check out where the Eagles have drafted starting guards, or guards-to-be. Okay. Cam Jurgens, Landon Dickerson, Isaac Seumalo went 51st, 37th and 79th overall, respectively. And then I looked at the ages of the Eagles' four most prominent ends or edge players: Brandon Graham, Haason Reddick, Derek Barnett and Josh Sweat average 29 years, 7 months old as of September. Okay. I talked myself into a 238-pound edge player who runs a 4.39 40-yard dash.



11. Arizona Cardinals (via mock trade with TEN)

Christian Gonzalez, cornerback, Oregon

Word of caution here: If I kept the Cards at three, I would have roiled the first round. I'd have given them Paris Johnson, the Ohio State tackle, and not edge rusher Will Anderson. Anyway ... with Gonzalez, the Cards get the current NFL prototype corner for the big receivers running roughshod over defenses. Gonzalez is 6-1 ½, runs a 4.38 40-yard dash, and played two years at Colorado and one at Oregon before leaving Eugene early for the draft. Pro scouts think he's fluid, tenacious and could stand to add bulk to tackle better. Now, Arizona needs quality volume out of this draft, with the neediest roster in the league and some of the best players wanting to abandon ship. Not-so-fun fact for GM Monti Ossenfort and new coach Jonathan Gannon: The Cards were the NFC's top seed entering week 14 in 2021. Since then, they've got the worst winning percentage in the NFL, playoffs included (Arizona 5-18, .217; Chicago 5-17, .227; Houston 5-16-1, .238). So Ossenfort's goal must be to improve the overall talent. I think an important thing for the Cardinals is to be willing to take a lesser deal than the trade chart says if it means bringing in one or two more picks in the first three rounds.



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12. Houston Texans (via CLE)

Hendon Hooker, quarterback, Tennessee

Guess which AFC South team has been doing work on Hooker in the last week or so? A clue: It's the team that's passing on C.J. Stroud. Houston has a surplus of picks and no long-term quarterback, and the Texans simply couldn't come out of having seven picks in the top 50 of the '22 and '23 drafts without one of them being a quarterback. Imagine the draft actually falls this way. The AFC South would have four quarterbacks picked in the top 12 (Trevor Lawrence, Stroud, Levis, Hooker) of recent drafts, and all under 26. For the Texans, DeMeco Ryans prided himself on adding teachers to his coaching staff, and offensive coordinator Bobby Slowik and QB coach Jerrod Johnson will be assigned their most important student, as he rehabs for part or most of this season from a 2022 ACL injury, if this pick goes down.



13. New York Jets

Broderick Jones, tackle, Georgia

I'm pretty lukewarm here. Mekhi Becton has played one of the last 34 games for the Jets, and they don't know what they have in him after three seasons. The Jets need a rock-solid long-term starter here, and Jones was not a starter at Georgia until his last of three seasons in Athens. He can play either tackle, but I'd ask this: Would the Jets be better suited with the more experienced Darnell Wright of Tennessee (27 starts at right tackle, 13 at left tackle, two at right guard)? Wright did not allow a sack in 13 games at right tackle last year, including a standout game against Will Anderson and Alabama. This will be a comparison to watch over the next few years: Jones versus Wright.



14. New England Patriots

Peter Skoronski, tackle/guard, Northwestern

Skoronski could be a plug-and-play guard wherever he goes. I considered him for the Eagles, replacing the departed Isaac Seumalo. Skoronski started 33 games at left tackle for Northwestern and was a unanimous first-team all-American. But his arm length is about three inches short for ideal NFL tackle size, so the Patriots could move him inside. If I'm New England, I'm thrilled Skoronski lasted this long, and I grab him to start a decade for the franchise somewhere on the line.



15. Green Bay Packers

Dalton Kincaid, tight end, Utah

When you're in the middle of the first round, and the best position group of the entire draft is tight end, and your projected incumbent tight end on the roster is named Josiah Deguara, and you need a tight end to troll the middle of the field for a new quarterback who is a first-year NFL starter, and you've got a guy who started 35 college games and scored 35 touchdowns, well, I think this is a pretty good option for Jordan Love and the Packers.



16. Washington Commanders

Brian Branch, safety, Alabama

The Commanders could eschew a front-seven player like edge rusher Lukas Van Ness, or the best receiver in the class in Jaxon Smith-Njigba, because their needs are not pronounced in either spot. A safety in the middle of the first round doesn't seem logical, but this safety will be the kind of versatile player a defense needs on all three downs.



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17. Pittsburgh Steelers

Jaxon Smith-Njigba, wide receiver, Ohio State

This is about where the receivers will start getting picked, and I'd be surprised if the Steelers weren't seriously considering one to pair long-term with George Pickens. Corner's another position the Steelers could favor here, and watch for Maryland's Deonte Banks if that's the call.



18. Detroit Lions

Deonte Banks, cornerback, Maryland

Storyline I would urge you NOT to buy: With the gambling suspension of Jameson Williams, look for the Lions to consider seriously a dive into the receiver market here. Nope. Once the Lions found out the ban would be for six weeks, they figured they wouldn't upset their draft plans and take a wideout early. After jettisoning Jeff Okudah to Atlanta pre-draft, the rising Banks is a strong candidate here.



19. Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Darnell Wright, tackle, Tennessee

The Bucs need young replenishments all over the field. This is probably a year too early for a quarterback, so getting a tackle to pair for the next few years with Tristan Wirfs makes sense for GM Jason Licht.



20. Seattle Seahawks

Zay Flowers, wide receiver, Boston College

Flowers is a popular player on the pre-draft circuit. His 200 catches for a toothless offensive team at BC, and the fact that he stayed at the program for four years despite having options elsewhere in the portal makes Flowers even more desirable. Position versatility helps too.



21. Los Angeles Chargers

Jordan Addison, wide receiver, USC

The East Coast kid strayed from his comfort zone in 2022, transferring to USC after winning the Biletnikoff Award (best receiver in college football) at Pitt in 2021, catching 100 balls. Then, with a ton of attention on him at USC, he caught 59 balls in a totally different offense. Mentally and physically tough, and versatile; played 60 percent in the slot and the rest outside in three college seasons.



22. Baltimore Ravens

Emmanuel Forbes, cornerback, Mississippi State

I've thought receiver for the last month, even after Odell Beckham Jr. signed with the Ravens. But Forbes is the imperfect candidate in a wholly imperfect draft, and I think he's going in the first round. There is so much to like with the 6-0 ¾, 168-pound corner, the most productive defensive back in this draft. The only thing not to like is his rail-thin physique. But how about missing one of 37 college games with injury, returning six interceptions for touchdowns (an NCAA record), and having 30 interceptions in his past six seasons (16 in high school, 14 in college)? You want this man on your team. The Ravens would figure out how to maximize his instinctive play.



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23. Minnesota Vikings

Anthony Richardson, quarterback, Florida

Easily could go earlier—as high as four to Indianapolis. But the Vikings would be an intriguing spot for the raw Richardson. Kirk Cousins has one playoff win in five Vikings seasons. The math is not in Cousins' favor. This is year six. He'll have made \$185 million as a Viking, and will be seeking \$45 million-plus to re-sign after this season to be sure, guaranteed. Who would be surprised if the Vikings wanted to start fresh in 2024 if this is another one of those years?



24. Jacksonville Jaguars

Lukas Van Ness, edge rusher, Iowa

The interesting thing when considering a pick for the Jags is that they've got a good roster, maybe the best all-around in the AFC South. There's no urgent need. Tight end Michael Mayer's a strong consideration here, but Doug Pederson seems to have unlocked the potential of Evan Engram, so I'm going with a player GM Trent Baalke will like because of his fierce competitiveness and pass-rush traits. Odd career. He started zero games at Iowa but played the most snaps of any outside rusher in the last two years.



25. New York Giants

Michael Mayer, tight end, Notre Dame

Six years ago, the Giants took tight end Evan Engram 23rd overall, and Engram never matched the lofty draft status. In Mayer, New York hopes to find a consistent weapon for Daniel Jones—to pair with Darren Waller at first, then to shine when Waller, entering his age-31 season, is done. Mayer, of course, could go higher—anywhere from 15 to 24. The Giants would be comfortable with a corner if Joey Porter Jr. or Deonte Banks is there, a wideout if Jordan Addison or another outside receiver is there, and maybe even an interior lineman. It's a longshot, but the talent of Bijan Robinson or Jahmyr Gibbs also might tempt GM Joe Schoen, with the long-term uncertainty of Saquon Barkley hanging over the franchise. I'd love to go receiver here. But adding Isaiah Hodgins, Wan'Dale Robinson (slot) and Parris Campbell in the last year makes receiver still a group of need but not a must-pick here. Interesting thing about Mayer is the book on him: He caught at least one pass in every one of his 36 games at Notre Dame, is the all-time leading tight end in receptions in the rich tradition of Irish football, might be a better blocker than pass-catcher, and missed just one game (groin strain) due to injury in three years. Daniel Jones could use a security blanket in the short and intermediate areas, and Waller and Mayer would give him two.



26. Dallas Cowboys

Joey Porter Jr., cornerback, Penn State

When the offseason began, I expected Porter—son of the ferocious former Steeler linebacker—to go somewhere in the teens, latest. But some evaluators think he's not the physical presence his size (6-2 ½, 193 pounds) would portend, and I wouldn't be shocked if he fell out of the first round.



27. Buffalo Bills

Josh Downs, wide receiver, North Carolina

Getting picked ahead of Quentin Johnston of TCU and Jalin Hyatt of Tennessee would be an upset, and I can't predict with certainty this happens. But I know the Bills like him, and scouts think he can be a day-one starter in the slot, which would fit with Stefon Diggs and Gabe Davis outside. Imagine this production over the last two seasons in a per-game average: 8.1 receptions, 98.5 yards, 0.7 TDs. That'll play in a Buffalo offense that fizzled toward the end of the 2022 season.



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28. Cincinnati Bengals

Luke Musgrave, tight end, Oregon State

Odd in such a great class for tight ends that a guy with 1.4 catches per game in his college career, with just 633 yards receiving and two receiving touchdowns in four seasons, would be a first-round candidate. Musgrave excelled at the Senior Bowl and has been a popular pre-draft riser.



29. New Orleans Saints (via DEN/MIA/SF)

Myles Murphy, defensive end, Clemson

Thought this was cool in Jeff Legwold's annual rankings of the top 100 players entering the draft: 8) Bryce Young; 9) Myles Murphy. "One of the best effort players in the draft," one GM said.



30. Philadelphia Eagles

Jahmyr Gibbs, running back, Alabama

Might not be just the poor man's Bijan Robinson. With 195 touches in his one year at Alabama, Gibbs averaged 6.1 yards per rush and 10.1 yards per catch, never fumbling. As good as Robinson was as a collegian, Gibbs has a few teams in this draft that liked him over Robinson for the NFL.



31. Kansas City Chiefs

O'Cyrus Torrence, guard, Florida

Andy Reid always wants to take care of both lines, and with Joe Thuney entering his age-31 season, the best guard in the class makes sense here. If you consider Northwestern's Peter Skoronski a tackle/guard, that's what Torrence is: the top guard in this class. At 330 pounds, he's got the reach and wingspan of a tackle, and just ask Jalen Carter his toughest foe this year. I bet he says Torrence.



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Round 1 - Pick 1

From Chicago Bears



C.J. Stroud qb

OHIO STATE • JR • 6'3" / 214 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Carolina	4th	2nd

After the pro days, it sounds like Stroud is the guy. He seems to fit what the Panthers want in a quarterback -- a big, prototypical passer. He impressed at his pro day and combine, if those things matter to you. They don't to me.

Round 1 - Pick 2



Bryce Young qb

ALABAMA • JR • 5'10" / 204 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Houston	2nd	1st

He is the best passer in this class, but his size is a major concern. Even so, the word is the Texans want him and would love to build around him. Young is tiny, and not just his height. That will always be an issue.

Round 1 - Pick 3

Mock Trade from Arizona Cardinals



Anthony Richardson qb

FLORIDA • SOPH • 6'4" / 244 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Indianapolis	9th	4th

They move up one spot to land Richardson, who new coach Shane Steichen could fit into his scheme, the same scheme Jalen Hurts ran for the Eagles. Richardson has a high ceiling, but he is raw. It might take some time.

Round 1 - Pick 4

Mock Trade from Indianapolis Colts



Will Anderson Jr.
EDGE

ALABAMA • JR • 6'4" / 253 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Arizona	1st	1st

They trade down with Indianapolis to get extra picks and still end up with the player they likely wanted anyway. They have to improve their edge rush. Anderson is viewed by most as the best in this class.



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Round 1 - Pick 5

From Denver Broncos



Tyree Wilson EDGE
TEXAS TECH • SR • 6'6" / 271
LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Seattle	6th	2nd

They always had good pass-rushers when the defense was dominant. Wilson has that type of ability. He is a big, power end whose best football is in front of him. They pass on taking Will Levis in this mock.

Round 1 - Pick 6

From Los Angeles Rams



Jalen Carter DL
GEORGIA • JR • 6'3" / 314 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Detroit	3rd	1st

The Lions need a dominant inside player. Carter can be that. He does have some off-field issues that cloud his draft status, but the Lions seem to have a great culture to help with that. He is a game-wrecker.

Round 1 - Pick 7



Will Levis QB
KENTUCKY • SR • 6'4" / 229
LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Las Vegas	8th	3rd

Levis has all the tools to be a big-time quarterback, but patience will be needed. The Raiders have Jimmy Garoppolo, so Levis could sit for a year or two. They have to try and land their franchise passer, so why not here with a top-10 pick?

Round 1 - Pick 8



Christian Gonzalez CB
OREGON • SOPH • 6'1" / 197
LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Atlanta	15th	3rd

They have A.J. Terrell on one side and some veterans to go with him. They need a young cover corner to pair with Terrell as they build this defense. They could go edge player here to help the pass rush, but they opt for the corner instead.



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Round 1 - Pick 9

➡ From Carolina Panthers



Peter Skoronski OT
NORTHWESTERN • JR • 6'4" / 313 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Chicago	12th	1st

They need to get more help up front for Justin Fields, and Skoronski would bring versatility. He can play guard or tackle, which brings value. I think he looks more like a guard, but he could also play right tackle.

Round 1 - Pick 10

➡ From New Orleans Saints



Lukas Van Ness
EDGE
IOWA • SOPH • 6'5" / 272 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Philadelphia	19th	3rd

The Eagles brought back Brandon Graham on a one-year deal, but how much longer does he have? Van Ness is a player scouts love. He is strong and powerful, but never started a game at Iowa. The upside is there.

Round 1 - Pick 11



Paris Johnson Jr.
OT
OHIO STATE • JR • 6'6" / 313 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Tennessee	14th	2nd

Johnson Jr. is the best pure tackle in this class. The Titans signed Andre Dillard to play left tackle in free agency, but they have a second-year player at right tackle who could move to guard.

Round 1 - Pick 12

➡ From Cleveland Browns



Quentin Johnston
WR
TCU • JR • 6'3" / 208 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Houston	10th	1st

After taking Young earlier, they can take Johnston to help him on the outside. Johnston is a big receiver who can run. He has all the tools teams love. He does have some issues catching the football.



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Round 1 - Pick 13



Broderick Jones

OT

GEORGIA • SOPH • 6'5" / 311 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
N.Y. Jets	33rd	5th

The Jets have added some nice pieces in free agency for when they do get Aaron Rodgers, so why not an offensive tackle? Jones is long and athletic and really can help them for the long run at left tackle. With Mekhi Becton and Max Mitchell coming off injury, Jones would make sense. I also think he could play guard.

Round 1 - Pick 14



Devon Witherspoon CB

ILLINOIS • JR • 6'0" / 181 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
New England	5th	1st

They still have issues at corner, and Witherspoon has the tools to step in and play right away. He is a physical player who can also cover. The Patriots would love him. They could also use a receiver in the worst way.

Round 1 - Pick 15



Michael Mayer TE

NOTRE DAME • JR • 6'5" / 249 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Green Bay	22nd	1st

With Robert Tonyan gone, they have a hole at tight end, a position that will be important in the growth of Jordan Love, so they take the best one in the class to help him. They could also look to add help up front on defense.

Round 1 - Pick 16



Joey Porter Jr. CB

PENN STATE • JR • 6'3" / 193 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Washington	18th	4th

They could still use some help at corner, and Porter Jr. might be the top guy on some boards. He is long and athletic and did a good job on some top receivers in college.



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Round 1 - Pick 17



Deonte Banks CB
MARYLAND • JR • 6'0" / 197
LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Pittsburgh	35th	6th

Their secondary has major questions at corner, even with the signing of Patrick Peterson, who isn't a kid anymore. So taking a young corner works. They could also look for offensive tackle help here.

Round 1 - Pick 18



Dalton Kincaid TE
UTAH • SR • 6'4" / 246 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Detroit	24th	2nd

They need to get some help at the position, even though they have some younger players they like. This is a pass-catcher they can't pass up. The Lions could also consider adding defensive help or a receiver here as well.

Round 1 - Pick 19



Darnell Wright OT
TENNESSEE • SR • 6'5" / 333
LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Tampa Bay	27th	4th

The right tackle position is a problem if they move Tristan Wirfs to the left side, which they should do. Wright was outstanding moving from the left side to the right side. He would be a plug-and-play starter.

Round 1 - Pick 20



Mazi Smith DL
MICHIGAN • SR • 6'3" / 323
LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Seattle	55th	8th

Free-agent signing Dre'mont Jones helps the interior of the defensive line a lot, but they need more. So after going with an edge with their first pick, they come back to take an interior player here to fortify the front. Smith can be dominant inside.



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Round 1 - Pick 21

  Jaxon Smith-Njigba WR OHIO STATE • JR • 6'1" / 196 LBS	<table><tr><th>PROJECTED TEAM</th><th>PROSPECT RNK</th><th>POSITION RNK</th></tr><tr><td>L.A. Chargers</td><td>25th</td><td>4th</td></tr></table> Keenan Allen is getting up there in years, so they need to get some young receivers to prepare for when he is gone. Justin Herbert will be slinging it for a long time, so a quality route-runner like Smith-Njigba would make sense.	PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK	L.A. Chargers	25th	4th
PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK					
L.A. Chargers	25th	4th					

Round 1 - Pick 22

  Zay Flowers WR BOSTON COLLEGE • SR • 5'9" / 182 LBS	<table><tr><th>PROJECTED TEAM</th><th>PROSPECT RNK</th><th>POSITION RNK</th></tr><tr><td>Baltimore</td><td>20th</td><td>3rd</td></tr></table> They have to get receiver help for this offense, even after adding Nelson Agholor. Lamar Jackson is likely coming back, so get him another weapon for Todd Monken's passing game. Scouts love Flowers, especially since he was productive with bad quarterback play.	PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK	Baltimore	20th	3rd
PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK					
Baltimore	20th	3rd					

Round 1 - Pick 23

  Jordan Addison WR USC • JR • 5'11" / 173 LBS	<table><tr><th>PROJECTED TEAM</th><th>PROSPECT RNK</th><th>POSITION RNK</th></tr><tr><td>Minnesota</td><td>17th</td><td>2nd</td></tr></table> They are in need of a receiver to pair with Justin Jefferson, so they make a move up to get Addison, who might be the best pure receiver in this class. He looks like he can be a 70-catch guy right away. That will help Jefferson and Kirk Cousins.	PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK	Minnesota	17th	2nd
PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK					
Minnesota	17th	2nd					

Round 1 - Pick 24

  O'Cyrus Torrence IOL FLORIDA • JR • 6'5" / 330 LBS	<table><tr><th>PROJECTED TEAM</th><th>PROSPECT RNK</th><th>POSITION RNK</th></tr><tr><td>Jacksonville</td><td>23rd</td><td>1st</td></tr></table> They can take Torrence and play him at left guard to give them one of the biggest lines in the NFL. Torrence might be the best offensive lineman in this class. He could also play right tackle if they let Cam Robinson go in 2024 and move Walker Little to the left side.	PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK	Jacksonville	23rd	1st
PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK					
Jacksonville	23rd	1st					



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Round 1 - Pick 25



John Michael Schmitz IOL

MINNESOTA • SR • 6'4" / 301 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
N.Y. Giants	51st	3rd

They have a need at center, and Schmitz is considered the best of a good class. They could go corner here -- maybe Emmanuel Forbes or Cam Smith -- but they opt to help out Daniel Jones and the line.

Round 1 - Pick 26



Bijan Robinson RB

TEXAS • JR • 5'11" / 215 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Dallas	7th	1st

He is a runner who has a lot of the same characteristics as Saquon Barkley, which is high praise. The Cowboys let Zeke Elliott walk, so this makes sense with Tony Pollard coming off injury and likely playing on the franchise tag.

Round 1 - Pick 27



Drew Sanders LB

ARKANSAS • JR • 6'4" / 235 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Buffalo	38th	2nd

They lost Tremaine Edmunds in free agency, so replacing him with a player who has a similar skillset would make sense. Sanders can run, and he's also shown he can rush the passer if needed.

Round 1 - Pick 28



Sam LaPorta TE

IOWA • SR • 6'3" / 245 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Cincinnati	52nd	3rd

He is a talented pass-catching tight end, which remains a need for Cincinnati, even after signing Irv Smith Jr. LaPorta is a player scouts love a lot more than the draft cult does. He runs routes like a receiver. He is smooth.



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Round 1 - Pick 29

➡ From San Francisco 49ers



Myles Murphy DL

CLEMSON • JR • 6'5" / 268
LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
New Orleans	11th	2nd

They lost Marcus Davenport in free agency, and Cam Jordan's career is coming to an end. Murphy can be a third-down rusher as a rookie and then in a year he can be ready to take over on a full-time basis.

Round 1 - Pick 30



Brian Branch s

ALABAMA • JR • 6'0" / 190
LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Philadelphia	21st	1st

They lost both safeties in free agency, which is why this pick makes sense. Branch can play a lot like Chauncey Gardner-Johnson, who was a big part of their defense last season. Like Gardner-Johnson, Branch can do a lot of things.

Round 1 - Pick 31



Nolan Smith EDGE

GEORGIA • SR • 6'2" / 238 LBS

PROJECTED TEAM	PROSPECT RNK	POSITION RNK
Kansas City	32nd	6th

They lost Frank Clark in free agency, and in their scheme they need a player who can go along with George Karlaftis and Charles Omenihu up front. Smith is an explosive player who can help as a situational rusher in year one.



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1. Carolina Panthers (via CHI)

Bryce Young | Alabama · QB · Junior

The Panthers choose an intelligent, humble leader in Young, who will make plays from the pocket despite his lack of size while also evading pressure and finding targets downfield on the run.



2. Houston Texans

Will Levis | Kentucky · QB · Senior (RS)

If Houston is more interested in Levis than C.J. Stroud or Anthony Richardson, then brass should select him at No. 2 instead of hoping he's available when the Texans come back on the clock with the 12th pick -- or using draft capital to move back into the top 10 for his services.



3. Arizona Cardinals

Will Anderson Jr. | Alabama · Edge · Junior

The Cardinals secure the pass rusher they desperately need. Anderson's strength at the point of attack and closing speed make him a formidable foe. A team may procure this pick in a trade with Arizona at some point between now and next Thursday, but in recent years, movement within the top-six selections has happened well in advance of the draft.



4. Indianapolis Colts

C.J. Stroud | Ohio State · QB · Sophomore (RS)

Stroud's accuracy and strength from the pocket should make him the young starter the Colts desire, but only if they improve their offensive-line play and receiving corps.



5. Seattle Seahawks (via DEN)

Tyree Wilson | Texas Tech · Edge · Senior (RS)

Wilson's length, athleticism and versatility give him a chance to excel in a Seahawks defense that transitioned to a multiple-front scheme last year.



6. Detroit Lions (via LAR)

Devon Witherspoon | Illinois · CB · Senior

Trading Jeffrey Oduka to Atlanta opens a spot for Witherspoon in a revamped Lions secondary in 2023. His competitive fire has to be appreciated by head coach Dan Campbell.



7. Las Vegas Raiders

Christian Gonzalez | Oregon · CB · Junior

The Raiders have long been looking for a stopper in the secondary. Gonzalez's ball skills and supreme athleticism give him a chance to earn that title early in his NFL career.



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8. Atlanta Falcons

Bijan Robinson | Texas · RB · Junior

General manager Terry Fontenot continues to draft offensive playmakers in the top 10, adding a star running back to complement tight end Kyle Pitts (No. 4 overall in 2021) and wide receiver Drake London (No. 8 overall in 2022).



9. Chicago Bears (via CAR)

Jalen Carter | Georgia · DT · Junior

If the Bears can't move out of this pick, they may not be able to pass on Carter's talent, though they will have to carefully weigh his off-field question marks.



10. Minnesota Vikings (via mock trade with PHI/via NO)

Anthony Richardson | Florida · QB · Sophomore (RS)

GM Kwesi Adofo-Mensah has not been shy about trading draft picks since taking on the job last year. Richardson's potential as a dual-threat playmaker validates the hefty price Minnesota pays to jump up the board: the 23rd overall pick, a 2023 third-rounder (No. 87) and a 2024 first-rounder. (The Vikings also probably trade down in the fourth round to regain a selection.)



11. Tennessee Titans

O'Cyrus Torrence | Florida · OG · Senior

Torrence provides brute force up front in the run game, which should intrigue the run-first Titans -- and yet, his nimble feet belie his 330-pound frame.



12. Houston Texans (via CLE)

Nolan Smith | Georgia · Edge · Senior

Smith's speed made headlines at the NFL Scouting Combine, but his surprising power and ability to win with his hands are just as impressive. He'll be a leader and effective pass rusher and run defender for the Texans.



13. New York Jets

Peter Skoronski | Northwestern · OT · Junior

Skoronski lands in the same draft slot where his former Northwestern teammate, Rashawn Slater, was taken by the Chargers in 2021. The Jets will likely slide this Wildcat inside, however, if they believe second-year pro Max Mitchell is their right tackle of the future.



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14. New England Patriots

Broderick Jones | Georgia · OT · Sophomore (RS)

New England needs a left tackle, and Jones is just scratching the surface of his potential on the outside. I project the Patriots to trade two fourth-round picks to the Rams (who currently do not possess a selection between Nos. 77 and 167) to snag Brian Branch in the second round if he falls out of the first, like other former Alabama safeties Landon Collins and Xavier McKinney.



15. Green Bay Packers

Paris Johnson Jr. | Ohio State · OT · Junior

The Packers' offensive line must be at its best to protect quarterback Jordan Love and give him an effective running game. Johnson can play right guard (where he started in 2021) or tackle this fall if David Bakhtiari is able to play in 2023, then transition to the left side if the veteran moves on after the season. If the Packers aren't able to wrestle the 13th pick away from Jets GM Joe Douglas in a trade for Aaron Rodgers, they settle for New York's two second-rounders (Nos. 42 and 43) and add a pass catcher and defensive lineman.



16. Washington Commanders

Joey Porter Jr. | Penn State · CB · Junior (RS)

Head coach Ron Rivera finds an outside corner capable of locking down receivers on the perimeter -- ultimately helping the team's pass rush. Porter will also play a strong role in the run game.



17. Pittsburgh Steelers

Lukas Van Ness | Iowa · Edge · Sophomore (RS)

Van Ness' versatility means the Steelers could use him inside or outside. Sometimes he moves like T.J. Watt on the edge, and other times, his game mirrors that of former Pittsburgh star end Aaron Smith.



18. Detroit Lions

Calijah Kancey | Pittsburgh · DT · Junior (RS)

After passing on Jalen Carter at No. 6, the Lions find a difference-maker on the defensive line at this spot. The comparisons between Kancey and three-time Defensive Player of the Year Aaron Donald -- both former Pitt stars -- seem unfair, but I think Kancey has the juice to at least be a very good starter in the league.



19. Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Darnell Wright | Tennessee · OT · Senior

Tristan Wirfs shifts to left tackle for 2023, allowing Wright to handle edge defenders on the right side, as he did last year for the Volunteers.



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20. Buffalo Bills (via mock trade with SEA)

Jordan Addison | USC · WR · Junior

The Bills attempt to turbo-charge their offense to keep pace with the Bengals and Chiefs in the AFC, trading the 27th overall pick (along with a third- and fifth-rounder) to the Seahawks to secure Addison. Smooth in his routes and able to slice through defenses, Addison becomes a favorite of Josh Allen by the time next season's playoffs roll around.



21. Los Angeles Chargers

Dalton Kincaid | Utah · TE · Senior

Justin Herbert played very well his rookie year when he had Hunter Henry as his safety valve at tight end. Kincaid has similar attributes as Henry, who has since moved on to New England, and will pressure defenses that are already worried about covering Keenan Allen and Mike Williams.



22. Baltimore Ravens

Jaxon Smith-Njigba | Ohio State · WR · Junior

Even after signing OBJ and Nelson Agholor this offseason, the Ravens can't pass up the value of Smith-Njigba at this spot. His crafty route-running, reliable hands and strength and elusiveness after the catch will supersede his average speed to make him an excellent NFL receiver.



23. Philadelphia Eagles (via mock trade with MIN)

Adetomiwa Adebawore | Northwestern · DT · Senior

The Eagles could view Adebawore as a defensive end in the Brandon Graham mold or as a 3 technique; he has the athleticism to play either spot.



24. Kansas City Chiefs (via mock trade with JAX)

Zay Flowers | Boston College · WR · Senior

The Chiefs trade a 2023 third-round pick and 2024 fourth-round pick to Jacksonville to move up the board for a receiver. Flowers is a great fit, featuring the ability to win downfield and eat up zone coverage with his quickness after the catch.



25. New York Giants

Jalin Hyatt | Tennessee · WR · Junior

Daniel Jones gets a downfield weapon in Hyatt, who can work outside or slide inside, depending on how the Giants want to utilize him.



26. Dallas Cowboys

Trenton Simpson | Clemson · LB · Junior

Simpson excels in attacking plays from off the ball but also flashes the closing speed to chase quarterbacks, spelling Micah Parsons in that role if needed.



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27. Seattle Seahawks (via mock trade with BUF)

Cody Mauch | North Dakota State · OG · Senior (RS)

Mauch's ability to play all five positions up front will be valued by the Seahawks. He could line up initially at guard, where his athleticism, intelligence and nasty attitude as a blocker will stand out.



28. Cincinnati Bengals

Michael Mayer | Notre Dame · TE · Junior

Mayer will be an excellent pro, blocking well and providing Joe Burrow a reliable target in the short-to-intermediate passing game.



29. New Orleans Saints (via DEN/MIA/SF)

Myles Murphy | Clemson · Edge · Junior

Murphy could very well be the Greg Rousseau of this draft class, possessing good overall athleticism but lacking the dominant play and pure twitch many teams want at the position. The Saints have picked similar defensive ends in the past, though, and Murphy would replace Marcus Davenport.



30. Las Vegas Raiders (via mock trade with PHI)

Hendon Hooker | Tennessee · QB · Senior (RS)

Quarterbacks are often pushed up boards by draft enthusiasts, but I'm sticking with Hooker landing in Las Vegas late in Round 1. The trade up costs the Raiders the 38th overall pick, a 2023 fourth-round selection (No. 109) and a 2024 fourth-rounder -- a bundle that could prove to be a bargain if the former Tennessee passer's knee is healthy, and if he becomes as proficient at making plays on the fly as he is working with a clean pocket.



31. New York Giants (via mock trade with KC)

Emmanuel Forbes | Mississippi State · CB · Junior

By moving down in this swap with the Chiefs, Jacksonville acquires additional picks to assist in its climb up NFL power rankings while still nabbing a much-needed cornerback to replace Shaquill Griffin. Forbes' 166-pound frame could knock him into the second round, but the Jaguars could also be enticed by the way the ball just seems to find him.



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1. Carolina Panthers (via CHI)

C.J. Stroud | Ohio State · QB · Sophomore (RS)

The Panthers opt for the prototypical passer with five-star tools as the QB1 of the future. Stroud's 6-foot-3, 214-pound frame, arm talent and underrated dawg mentality make him the perfect quarterback for Frank Reich to build around.



2. Houston Texans

Bryce Young | Alabama · QB · Junior

The Texans' version of the Kyle Shanahan system could transform Young into a star early in his career. The Alabama standout is a football savant with the IQ, instincts and awareness to dominate opponents with pre-snap reads and post-snap execution.



3. Arizona Cardinals

Will Anderson Jr. | Alabama · Edge · Junior

The Cardinals still have a glaring need for a pass rusher, and Anderson fills the void as a high-motor player with outstanding speed and skill.



4. Indianapolis Colts

Tyree Wilson | Texas Tech · Edge · Senior (RS)

Adding a quarterback is a top priority, given that free-agent signing Gardner Minshew currently sits first on Indianapolis' depth chart -- but the grades on the available QB1 prospects do not match the Colts' draft position. Wilson would give the team a young, energetic pass rusher to pair with Kwity Paye on the edges.



5. Seattle Seahawks (via DEN)

Jalen Carter | Georgia · DT · Junior

Pete Carroll and John Schneider take the best player available to upgrade a defense that needs a makeover after last season's disappointing performance. Carter's off-field issues must be examined carefully, but there's no question about his on-field talent.



6. Detroit Lions (via LAR)

Devon Witherspoon | Illinois · CB · Senior

The spectacular cover corner is a man-to-man coverage specialist with the skills to flourish in defensive coordinator Aaron Glenn's system.



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7. Las Vegas Raiders

Christian Gonzalez | Oregon · CB · Junior

In my last mock draft, I had the Raiders select Kentucky QB Will Levis here, but that was before they signed Jimmy Garoppolo, whose presence as a veteran signal-caller enables Las Vegas to focus on taking the best player available to upgrade the defense. Gonzalez is a big, athletic cover corner who would fit well into defensive coordinator Patrick Graham's plans as a lockdown defender with ball skills.



8. Atlanta Falcons

Lukas Van Ness | Iowa · Edge · Sophomore (RS)

The ultra-explosive defender possesses the traits, tools and versatility to be effective in the interior or off the edge as a pass rusher.



9. Chicago Bears (via CAR)

Peter Skoronski | Northwestern · OT · Junior

The polished technician would be a plug-and-play starter for the Bears at either tackle spot.



10. Philadelphia Eagles (via NO)

Nolan Smith | Georgia · Edge · Senior

The freak athlete could serve as an apprentice to Brandon Graham for a season before cracking the lineup as a full-time starter and disruptive playmaker on the edges.



11. Tennessee Titans

Paris Johnson Jr. | Ohio State · OT · Junior

The extra-large edge blocker is a mauler/brawler with the size, strength and athleticism to move defenders around at the line of scrimmage.



12. Houston Texans (via CLE)

Jaxon Smith-Njigba | Ohio State · WR · Junior

The Texans need a WR1 with the route-running prowess and playmaking ability to dazzle in an offense designed to create explosive plays in the passing game under new coordinator Bobby Slowik.



13. New York Jets

O'Cyrus Torrence | Florida · OL · Senior

The rock-solid interior blocker could enable the Jets to put the best five in front of Aaron Rodgers, whose arrival in New York has been stalled by trade compensation talks, with Alijah Vera-Tucker kicking outside to man one of the offensive tackle spots.



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14. New England Patriots

Broderick Jones | Georgia · OT · Sophomore (RS)

Adding this physical blocker would complete the Patriots' offensive makeover with an upgrade on the edges.



15. Green Bay Packers

Myles Murphy | Clemson · Edge · Junior

The Packers need to add more bodies to the pass-rush rotation. Murphy is an athletic edge defender with the potential to develop into a double-digit sack producer.



16. Washington Commanders

Joey Porter Jr. | Penn State · CB · Junior (RS)

The extra-long cover corner could give Ron Rivera a shutdown defender in the mold of Josh Norman, whom Rivera coached to an All-Pro level in Carolina.



17. Pittsburgh Steelers

Deonte Banks | Maryland · CB · Junior (RS)

The ultra-athletic defender from Maryland has the tools to develop into a high-end cover corner in time. With eight-time Pro Bowler Patrick Peterson in place to set an example, Banks could quickly mature into a solid starter for the Steelers by the end of his rookie season.



18. Detroit Lions

Calijah Kancey | Pittsburgh · DT · Junior (RS)

The Lions have assembled a collection of high-energy defenders on the frontline with non-stop motors and polished pass-rushing skills. Adding Kancey, a relentless interior rusher, to the mix would enable Aaron Glenn to overwhelm opponents with pressure.



19. Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Darnell Wright | Tennessee · OT · Senior

Fixing the offensive line is a top priority for the Buccaneers after the unit crumbled in 2022. Wright is a natural right tackle, so Tristan Wirfs would need to shift to the blindside spot vacated by Donovan Smith to make this move work.



20. Seattle Seahawks

Anthony Richardson | Florida · QB · Sophomore (RS)

Seattle's player-development model could transform Richardson into a superstar. With Geno Smith entrenched as the veteran starter after signing a three-year deal, the Seahawks could take their time shaping the young five-star athlete on the practice field.



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21. Los Angeles Chargers

Bijan Robinson | Texas • RB • Junior

Whether or not they hang on to Austin Ekeler, the Chargers could look to add a big back with a diverse skill set to the backfield rotation. Robinson is an electric playmaker with big-play potential as a runner-receiver possessing size, speed, vision and wiggle.



22. Baltimore Ravens

Cam Smith | South Carolina • CB • Junior (RS)

The potential departure of cornerback Marcus Peters in free agency creates a hole in the defensive backfield. Smith is a hard-nosed cover corner with the instincts, ball skills and toughness to excel in the Ravens' zone-pressure scheme.



23. Minnesota Vikings

Zay Flowers | Boston College • WR • Senior

Whether the Eagles employ Adebawore at 3-technique or on the edge, the ultra-athletic 282-pounder will play with leverage and hustle to the ball.



24. Jacksonville Jaguars

Brian Branch | Alabama • S • Junior

The Jaguars could view the nickel corner/safety spot as a top priority, with Darious Williams expected to stay outside at corner. Branch is a playmaking slot defender with the instincts, IQ and awareness to flourish as a hybrid defender in coordinator Mike Caldwell's scheme.



25. New York Giants

John Michael Schmitz | Minnesota • C • Senior (RS)

Beefing up the interior of the offensive line is critical to helping the recently extended Daniel Jones flourish as a franchise quarterback.



26. Dallas Cowboys

Bryan Bresee | Clemson • DT • Sophomore (RS)

If Cowboys coordinator Dan Quinn loves athletic defensive tackles with heavy hands and ballerina-like feet, Bresee could be in play here. The Clemson product is a talented interior defender with amazing tools that could help him blossom into a star as a pro.



27. Buffalo Bills

Jordan Addison | USC • WR • Junior

Pairing the USC standout with Stefon Diggs would give the Bills a dynamic route-running tandem that could pose problems for opponents on the perimeter.



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28. Cincinnati Bengals

Dalton Kincaid | Utah • TE • Senior

The pass-catching specialist is the perfect flex tight end alongside Ja'Marr Chase, Tyler Boyd and Tee Higgins. Kincaid is a slick route-runner with sticky hands and superb ball skills.



29. New Orleans Saints (via DEN/MIA/SF)

Michael Mayer | Notre Dame • TE • Junior

The Saints need a true "Y" tight end to enhance the passing game for Derek Carr. Mayer is the total package: a soft-handed pass-catcher with the size, strength and power to control the edges as a run blocker.



30. Philadelphia Eagles

Mazi Smith | Michigan • DT • Junior (RS)

The Eagles' defensive-line rotation is loaded with players possessing A-plus athletic traits and imposing physical dimensions. At 6-3, 323 pounds, Smith is a freak athlete with heavy hands and impressive body control.



31. Kansas City Chiefs

Adetomiwa Adebawore | Northwestern • Edge • Senior

Finding a replacement for Frank Clark is a pressing need for the Chiefs. The Northwestern product is an outstanding athlete with cat-like quickness and dynamic pass-rush skills.



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1. Carolina Panthers (via CHI)

Bryce Young, QB, Alabama (5-10, 204 pounds)

The Panthers are having a heated internal debate about which QB to take here, but it's down to Young vs. Stroud. Young has plenty of fans with the offensive staff because of his arm, accuracy, intangibles and leadership adding up to can't-miss package regardless of any size concern.



2. Houston Texans

C.J. Stroud, QB, Ohio State (6-3, 214 pounds)

The Texans will be happy taking either Young or Stroud as their franchise QB to fit their new 49ers-like offense well Stroud is a sturdy pro-polished pocket passer who makes all the throws with accuracy with the right dash of athleticism.



3. Arizona Cardinals

Will Anderson Jr., EDGE, Alabama (6-3, 253 pounds)

If Arizona keeps the pick, it should go with the safest, most disruptive defensive player on the board. That's no longer Jalen Carter with his off-field and workout concerns. Anderson has proved again in the draft process why he was so explosive and productive at the highest level in college.



4. Indianapolis Colts

Anthony Richardson, QB, Florida (6-4, 244 pounds)

New offensive-minded coach Shane Steichen has hinted he's looking for a dynamic dual threat to mold into a franchise QB, fresh off working with Jalen Hurts (6-1, 223 pounds) in Philadelphia. Richardson's off-the-charts athleticism and natural monster arm should do nicely. Assuming they don't trade for Lamar Jackson, this move can help the Colts break free from their cycle of recycled veteran pocket passers.



5. Seattle Seahawks (via DEN)

Jalen Carter, DT, Georgia (6-3, 314 pounds)

The Seahawks have a history of taking calculated draft risks under Pete Carroll and John Schneider. They will feel comfortable with Carter despite the off-field concern that developed at the Combine and the underwhelming pro day. Focusing on his tape at Georgia, Carter can be a dominant disruptor who fills a big need to help newcomer Dre'Mont Jones in Seattle's three-man front.



6. Detroit Lions (via LAR)

Tyree Wilson, EDGE, Texas Tech (6-6, 275 pounds)

The Lions took care of a lot of secondary needs in free agency and must think defensive front first should it pivot away from forcing QB with Jared Goff still playing well. With Carter off the board, Wilson makes a ton of sense as a big complementary sack producer for 2022 No. 2 overall pick Aidan Hutchinson.



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7. Las Vegas Raiders

Christian Gonzalez, CB, Oregon (6-1, 197 pounds)

The Raiders should think more about immediate impact defender in the Sauce Gardner mold early after doing a lot of good offensive work in NFL free agency for Josh McDaniels, including landing Jimmy Garoppolo for QB. Gonzalez went gangbusters at the Combine to confirm his status as the top corner in the class. He has great athletic pedigree and made sure to remind everyone about his playing speed and quickness for such a big cover man.



8. Atlanta Falcons

Myles Murphy, EDGE, Clemson (6-5, 268 pounds)

The Falcons could think about other defensive positions, but they should think pass rush most even if Anderson and Wilson are not available. Murphy also provides a classic combination of size, speed and quickness.



9. Chicago Bears (via CAR)

Peter Skoronski, OT, Northwestern (6-4, 313 pounds)

The Bears can look up the road to Evanston to provide Justin Fields with a major pass protection upgrade after already getting him a new No. 1 wide receiver in D.J. Moore. Skoronski, who had a great Combine from his running through his smooth positional drills, can deliver as their immediate starting left tackle with his smooth quickness and athleticism on the edge.



10. Philadelphia Eagles (via NO)

Paris Johnson Jr., OT, Ohio State (6-6, 313 pounds)

The Eagles' offensive line looks set for one more season, losing only guard Isaac Seumalo with Cam Jurgens ready to replace him inside. But center Jason Kelce is 35 and right tackle Lane Johnson will turn 33 soon. Paris Johnson would be a smart stash as a powerful, athletic heir apparent, given he can ace playing everywhere except center, where Jurgens could be moved to replace Kelce in 2024. Howie Roseman makes another near-future starter pick with Hurts' big contract looming.



11. Tennessee Titans

Quentin Johnston, WR, TCU (6-4, 215 pounds)

The Titans need to think about going wideout again in the first round to help promising second-year player Treylon Burks. Johnston didn't run the 40 at the Combine but his speed and vertical presence is evident on film as the former Horned Frogs big playmaker also made quick impressive work of the positional pass-catching drills.



12. Houston Texans (via CLE)

Jordan Addison, WR, USC (6-0, 175 pounds)

The Texans need to pair a dynamic pass-catcher with their new franchise QB, Addison opened the door for others to be the first wide receiver drafted after measuring a little shorter and running a little slower than expected at the Combine, but specific to what Houston needs, he has a nice blend of field-stretching speed and after-the-catch quickness to quickly develop into the go-to guy.



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13. New York Jets

Brian Branch, S, Alabama (6-0, 190 pounds)

The Jets need some versatility for their secondary and an ace inside cover man inside to boost Gardner, D.J. Reed and Michael Carter. Branch can be a worthy free-safety upgrade over former Buccaneer Jordan Whitehead.



14. New England Patriots

Joey Porter Jr., CB, Penn State (6-2, 198 pounds)

Porter checked in taller than expected at the Combine after Gonzalez blazed to the top of the board at the position, Porter has similar size-speed-quickness qualities to be a No. 1 cover corner. The Patriots will love what he can do for Bill Belichick as the son of a former star Steelers edge rusher.



15. Green Bay Packers

Michael Mayer, TE, Notre Dame (6-5, 249 pounds)

Mayer didn't run the fastest and didn't blow anyone away with his capped athleticism in the agility drills, but he made his mark as a complete, classic in-line player for the position in the gauntlet and other pass-catching testing. The Packers need an impact tight end for Jordan Love with Robert Tonyan leaving for the Bears in free agency.



16. Washington Commanders

Devon Witherspoon, CB, Illinois (6-0, 181 pounds)

Witherspoon, continuing the agility and size combination theme for corners in this class, positioned himself to be a top-half pick with Cam Smith and Kelee Ringo slipping on boards in relation. The Commanders need to lock into the best corner available for them after their disaster on the back end with William Jackson Jr., Kendall Fuller and others.



17. Pittsburgh Steelers

Broderick Jones, OT, Georgia (6-4, 310 pounds)

Jones has outstanding speed and quickness with the agility work to cement his status and no lesser than the third tackle on the board behind Skoronski and Johnson. He's a no-brainer piece for the Steelers as a massive upgrade in pass protection for 2022 first-round QB Kenny Pickett.



18. Detroit Lions

Bijan Robinson, RB, Texas (5-11, 215 pounds)

The Lions have grown weary of D'Andre Swift's durability issues and that's why they got a more well-rounded back in David Montgomery to replace Jamaal Williams. That could be setting them up to also move on from Swift, with Montgomery settling into a pure backup role. Robinson is a terrific power back who has special three-down skills. His explosiveness behind their elite line to complement a downfield passing game would be game-changing for an already loaded offense.



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19. Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Will Levis, QB, Kentucky (6-3, 229 pounds)

The Buccaneers should think about trading up a few picks should they see Levis drop outside of the top seven, but it would be even harder to ignore his availability with this pick. With Baker Mayfield as the bridge, Levis' big-armed pocket passing, now with improved strength and athleticism, can fit well in a Seahawks-like offense under Dave Canales that has top-flight wideouts in Mike Evans and Chris Godwin.



20. Seattle Seahawks

Jaxon Smith-Njigba, WR, Ohio State (6-1, 195 pounds)

The Seahawks have DK Metcalf and Tyler Lockett playing at a high level together, but they have a major dropoff and limited depth behind them with which to employ more dynamic 11 personnel (three wide receiver) sets. Lockett also will turn 31 in September. Smith-Njigba can be a useful speedy, quick and smooth route-running slot at first given Lockett and Metcalf are playing mostly outside.



21. Los Angeles Chargers

Zay Flowers, WR, Boston College (5-9, 182 pounds)

The Chargers also could boost their offense with a third receiver, for Justin Herbert and new coordinator Kellen Moore. Keenan Allen will turn 31 on draft night and Mike Williams' durability issues are well documented. Flowers compares very much to Lockett with his speed and versatility to be effective making big plays outside or in the slot.



22. Baltimore Ravens

Cam Smith, CB, South Carolina (6-1, 180 pounds)

The rise of the other corners means the Ravens can benefit by getting Smith, the former consensus No. 1 prospect at the position. Smith did look pretty smooth in the positional drills to think he will be a solid plug-and-playmaking starter replacing Marcus Peters.



23. Minnesota Vikings

Trenton Simpson, LB, Clemson (6-3, 235 pounds)

The Vikings have a big void in the middle of their defense. They should covet Simpson's toughness and speed with which to cover a ton of ground and make plenty of plays in coverage and against the run.



24. Jacksonville Jaguars

Kelee Ringo, CB, Georgia (6-2, 207 pounds)

The Jaguars need to upgrade their coverage after moving on from Shaquill Griffin opposite Tyson Campbell and Darius Williams not living up to expectations. Ringo provides nice size and athleticism along with physicality to help them being more aggressive to make more plays on the ball.



25. New York Giants

Bryan Bresee, DT, Clemson (6-6, 298 pounds)

The Giants need a relentless and versatile disruptor for their three-man front to help replace Dalvin Tomlinson next to Dexter Lawrence and Leonard Williams. Bresee is an ideal means to that end.



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26. Dallas Cowboys

O'Cyrus Torrence, G, Florida (6-5, 330 pounds)

The Cowboys lost Connor McGovern in free agency and needed to upgrade at left guard between the Tylers, Smith and Biadasz, anyway. Torrence gives them that run-blocking behemoth to boost the new offense of Brian Schottenheimer.



27. Buffalo Bills

Drew Sanders, LB/S, Arkansas (6-4, 235 pounds)

The Bills lost a key piece of their defense in free agency when Tremaine Edmunds signed with the Bears. Sanders would be a fine replacement to complement Matt Milano as a great upfield player with his rare combination of flying around to tackle vs. the run and rushing the passer.



28. Cincinnati Bengals

Anton Harrison, OT, Oklahoma (6-4, 315 pounds)

Harrison has proved he can be an outstanding athletic force on top of his sound run-blocking presence. That makes him appealing to replace struggling Jonah Williams at right tackle opposite the big free-agent upgrade on the left side, Orlando Brown Jr.



29. New Orleans Saints (via DEN/MIA/SF)

Nolan Smith, EDGE, Georgia (6-2, 238 pounds)

The Saints brought back future Hall of Famer Cameron Jordan but in recent offseasons have lost Trey Hendrickson and Marcus Davenport in free agency. Smith is a freak producer who will have high upside as a situational producer at first before settling into a regular role at end for defensive-minded Dennis Allen.



30. Philadelphia Eagles

Jahmyr Gibbs, RB, Alabama (5-9, 199 pounds)

The Eagles can't go into the season trusting oft-injured former Seahawk Rashaad Penny as a reliable lead back to replace Miles Sanders and should just make this worthy luxury pick, putting Alabama's latest star back with Hurts. Gibbs blazed to a 4.36 40-yard dash and also showed tremendous receiving skills on top of being a compact power back capable of holding up for three downs in the Frank Gore vein.



31. Kansas City Chiefs

Isaiah Foskey, EDGE, Notre Dame (6-5, 264 pounds)

The Chiefs are in the process of rebuilding their outside pass rush after drafting George Karlaftis last year and releasing Frank Clark this year. Foskey, with his well-rounded powerful and sometimes explosive moves, would be the ideal bookend to produce quickly for Steve Spagnuolo.



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1. Carolina Panthers (via CHI)

QB Bryce Young, Alabama

Whatever mayhem might follow, it's widely believed Carolina has settled on the 2021 Heisman Trophy winner as the long-awaited franchise quarterbacking successor to Cam Newton. Though Young's 5-10, 204-pound frame provides valid reason for concern, his experience in a pro-style offense and quick cycle time through his progressions are among the traits that distinguish him. Young's Heisman-winning performance included 4,872 yards and 47 TDs through the air. He's accurate (66% completion rate in college) and his career 80-to-12 touchdown-to-interception ratio is indicative of solid decision-making. Young is also highly mobile, though typically buys time to pass and does a nice job keeping his eyes downfield – a la peak Russell Wilson. As poised at the podium as he was while reading the field from the Bama pocket, a lot to like about Young.



2. Houston Texans

OLB/DE Will Anderson Jr., Alabama

Though this draft isn't considered especially deep with blue chip talent and may not have many (or any) generational stars among its ranks, Anderson may be the best of the bunch – and that could be reason enough for a franchise seemingly in perpetual rebuild to take him. And there are other factors to consider. Ohio State QB C.J. Stroud is represented by David Mulugheta, who is also the agent of disgraced former Houston QB Deshaun Watson – the man who left this organization in tatters on and off the field. Newly hired HC DeMeco Ryans also comes from San Francisco, a team that has thrived by stockpiling enough talent, that the 49ers have been able to thrive without a superstar under center. And though GM Nick Caserio always plays his cards close, he may well prefer the passers scheduled to be available next year and – with a league-high 12 selections this year, including three of the top 33 – he could certainly attempt to wheel and deal his way into more draft capital in 2024, when he already owns a pair of first-rounders. "I mean, anything's possible," he said last week. "I think what's possible and what the hope is, is that we can come out of this draft with good football players that we think can help our football team." As for Anderson (6-4, 253), the two-time SEC Defensive Player of the Year was truly spectacular in 2021, when he led the country with 17½ sacks and 31 tackles for loss. He was only slightly less impressive last season (10 sacks, 17 TFLs), when he didn't have as many opportunities to hunt quarterbacks. But his ability to do so would certainly be welcomed by Ryans, a defensive wizard, and a team whose best pass rusher, Jerry Hughes, will be 35 this season.



3. Arizona Cardinals

DE/OLB Tyree Wilson, Texas Tech

If the Texans do indeed pass on a quarterback at No. 2, Thursday could mark a very disappointing night for the Cards. It had long seemed they'd get first crack at Anderson or, perhaps better, be in a good position to offload this selection if a QB run materialized. But regardless of what Houston does, Arizona will need defensive reinforcements after the edges were depleted by the retirement of J.J. Watt and free agency defection of Zach Allen. Wilson, a 6-6, 271-pound edge rusher with 14 sacks and 27½ TFLs over the past two seasons – even though his 2022 campaign was cut short by a broken foot – would be a logical option.



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4. Indianapolis Colts

QB C.J. Stroud, Ohio State

It seems every year as the draft approaches, at least one prominent prospect finds himself trying to deflect negative narratives. On that front, the last few weeks have hardly been kind to Stroud, who seemed like a 1A choice – at worst – to Young on the quarterback front following the scouting combine. But even if Houston passes, hard to believe Stroud will tumble far, especially given the lack of stability Ballard and Co. have endured under center since Andrew Luck's shocking retirement four years ago. An exceptionally accurate passer with the Buckeyes (69.3% completion rate in college) who would benefit from the tutelage of new Indy HC (and QB guru) Shane Steichen, Stroud could certainly do worse than coming to a team that's usually competitive and featuring a RB (2021 rushing champ Jonathan Taylor) who could carry much of the load. Stroud (6-3, 214 pounds) was productive (85 TD passes, 12 INTs, 182.4 passer rating over last two seasons) and athletic – but has been inclined to extend plays to throw rather than break the pocket, though he admits he should probably tuck the ball and dash a bit more. He was spectacular in his final game for the Buckeyes, a 2023 College Football Playoff semifinal loss to Georgia, passing for 348 yards and four TDs against a Bulldogs defense that is almost NFL-caliber. He could be the man to stabilize a position that's been a merry-go-round of aging veterans since Luck's departure.



5. Seattle Seahawks (via DEN)

DT Jalen Carter, Georgia

He may well be the best player available this year, but concerns about his character and motor could knock him out of the top five. However Carter said on HBO recently that teams haven't probed him too deeply regarding his role in the fatal automobile crash that killed Bulldogs teammate Devin Willock and recruiting staffer Chandler LeCroy in January. And any issues with his motor could naturally resolve in the competitive environment HC Pete Carroll fosters in Seattle. And reinforcements for a defense that hasn't ranked better than 22nd since 2018 are long overdue. The 6-3, 300-pounder's sack numbers (3 last year) won't wow you. But the All-American is cat-quick, lines up at all points along the front, can push the pocket and gets exceptional penetration and is especially effective at swallowing running backs.



6. Detroit Lions (via LAR)

CB Devon Witherspoon, Illinois

A defense that ranked dead last in 2022 and just dumped disappointing CB Jeff Okudah seems like a perfect home for a tough-as-nails defensive back like Witherspoon, who's not afraid to stick his nose in the backfield when he's not disrupting opposing passing attacks – the All-Big Ten performer breaking up 23 passes over the past two seasons.



7. Las Vegas Raiders

OL Peter Skoronski, Northwestern

Whether he lines up at guard, right tackle or eventually takes over for LT Kolton Miller, the unanimous All-American seems like a wise choice for a team that's going to trot out oft-injured QB Jimmy Garoppolo the next few years.



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8. Atlanta Falcons

WR Jaxon Smith-Njigba, Ohio State

With second-year QB Desmond Ridder the apparent starter for 2023, it seems incumbent to give him more help when considering the Falcons only have one returning player (WR Drake London) who had more than 30 receptions last year. Smith-Njigba, who had 347 receiving yards in the 2022 Rose Bowl before missing most of last season with a hamstring injury, is a silky smooth weapon out of the slot and would beautifully supplement TE Kyle Pitts and power forward-esque London in the passing game.



9. Chicago Bears (via CAR)

OLB Nolan Smith, Georgia

As much help as Chicago still needs, another trade down would make sense ... as would additional blocking help and weaponry for QB Justin Fields. But a team that had a league-low 20 sacks in 2022 could certainly use an edge presence, and why not one with Smith's extraordinary athleticism – including sub-4.4 40 and a 41-inch vertical leap at the combine. Mostly recovered from a torn pectoral muscle that cut his 2022 season short, Smith should be ready to wreak havoc in Week 1.



10. Philadelphia Eagles (via NO)

RB Bijan Robinson, Texas

A three-down back with his talent and speed – Robinson clocked a 4.46 40 at the combine while showing off velvety soft hands – would have been a surefire top-five selection 20 years ago ... but might still be the first top-10 RB since Saquon Barkley in 2018. Admittedly, taking Robinson here wouldn't be a typical move by Philly EVP/GM Howie Roseman, who frequently opts for linemen atop the board. But does it really feel like RBs Kenny Gainwell, Boston Scott and (oft-injured) Rashaad Penny are going to offset the loss of departed Miles Sanders? The NFC champs very much seem to be in their championship window, and a team that ran the ball more than any club in the NFL save two could very much use a bell cow who had more than 3,300 yards from scrimmage over the past two seasons while averaging 6.7 yards per touch for at least the next four or five years. Robinson could well be the missing Lombardi piece here, not to mention a lethal complement to newly minted QB Jalen Hurts – a combo that could truly fluster defenses.



11. Tennessee Titans

QB Anthony Richardson, Florida

Ryan Tannehill is entering the final year of his contract, and Malik Willis did little to inspire confidence from the fans or coaches in 2022. Enter the self-styled "Cam Jackson," who blew up the combine as a bit of a Cam Newton-Lamar Jackson hybrid. At 6-4, 244 pounds, Richardson blazed a 4.43-second 40-yard dash and hit combine quarterback records with a vertical jump of 40½ inches and a broad jump of 10 feet, 9 inches. So though he's lacking in experience (13 starts for the Gators), Richardson's physical tools – to include a bazooka of an arm that was also on full display – are tantalizing. And similar to Jackson, Richardson could benefit from breaking in behind Tannehill while maybe seeing the field in specially designed packages ... given the reasonable assumption the 21-year-old won't be ready to start immediately.



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12. Houston Texans (via CLE)

QB Will Levis, Kentucky

Even if Houston bypasses a passer at No. 2, reasonable chance the Texans could snag one here ... or even move back up for one? But heck, taking a player with Levis' upside offers the franchise a shot at filling Watson's void. Yet if it doesn't go well with Levis – a cannon-armed, athletic, tough, 6-3, 229-pounder with experience in a pro-style offense – then Houston would be back in position to draft another quarterback early in 2024, and at a time when teams aren't afraid to quickly punt on a player even with a Round 1 investment. Levis will have to improve his consistency and footwork while recovering from the physical beating he endured in 2022.



13. New York Jets

OT Paris Johnson Jr., Ohio State

Whether at left tackle or inside, a prime bodyguard for Rodgers ... assuming he's liberated from Wisconsin. But the Jets must fortify their pocket, especially given the question mark former first-round OT Mekhi Becton has become.



14. New England Patriots

CB Christian Gonzalez, Oregon

The 6-1, 197-pound All-Pac-12 performer had four INTs and seven passes defended in 2022 and showcased his explosive athleticism at the combine, running a 4.38 40-yard dash, posting a 41½-inch vertical leap and broad jumping 11 feet, 1 inch. Given the value here and Gonzalez's ability to man or zone, he's a good fit for a team that needs help at corner – especially at a time when New England could be in the unfamiliar position of facing a superior quarterback in all of its divisional games in 2023.



15. Green Bay Packers

OT Darnell Wright, Tennessee

This would be one fine way to help presumed starting QB Jordan Love given Wright's bona fides as a pass protector. And given his experience on both sides, the 6-5, 333-pound, All-SEC selection would also be a nice candidate to take over for aging LT David Bakhtiari in a year or two. As for providing another pass catcher for Love? It's not something the Pack typically do until Day 2 ... yet they could have multiple opportunities this year if they deal Rodgers for one (or both) of the Jets' second-round picks.



16. Washington Commanders

CB Joey Porter Jr., Penn State

He's positioned to become the inaugural first-round defensive back in Nittany Lions history. All-Big Ten in 2022, he's big (6-3, 193), fast (4.46 speed) and physical, though rarely tested in Happy Valley. That could remain the case if he lands in D.C. given the pressure the Commanders can apply up front to help their back end.



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17. Pittsburgh Steelers

OT Broderick Jones, Georgia

Perhaps this draft's premier pass blocker, the 6-5, 311-pound All-SEC performer capably guarded QB Stetson Bennett IV's blind side the past two years as the Bulldogs won a pair of national titles. Second-year Steelers QB Kenny Pickett could certainly benefit from a blind side sentinel of this caliber ... and RB Najee Harris could find himself running left a lot, too.



18. Detroit Lions

DT Calijah Kancey, Pittsburgh

When you think undersized Pitt interior D-linemen who live behind the line of scrimmage ... OK, OK, let's not saddle Kancey with the Aaron Donald comparison. But let's celebrate the 6-1, 281-pounder who dropped a 4.67-second 40 at the combine after posting 14½ sacks and 27½ TFLs for the Panthers over the past two years combined. Now imagine adding the reigning ACC Defensive Player of the Year to the middle of a Detroit defense featuring Aidan Hutchinson and all the opposing attention he merits on the edge.



19. Tampa Bay Buccaneers

QB Hendon Hooker, Tennessee

Tom Brady is gone. Kyle Trask, a second-rounder in 2021, is unproven. Baker Mayfield, the top pick of 2018 (and now on his fourth team in a year), looks like a one-year rental. This could be the right spot to roll the dice on Hooker, who was on a Heisman track last season before suffering an ACL tear late in the season. Hooker's age (25) isn't ideal for a team resetting the position, but it does help explain his renowned maturity and leadership. And a redshirt year might be good for his knee and his transition from the Vols offense to a pro style.



20. Seattle Seahawks

DE Lukas Van Ness, Iowa

He never started for the Hawkeyes, but he sure was impactful – totaling 13 sacks and 19 TFLs the past two seasons. The 6-5, 272-pounder with sub-4.6 speed – whether he starts or subs – would add juice to a defense that was at its best a decade ago when the line rolled deep. And if a player like Van Ness could pair with Carter? Look out.



21. Los Angeles Chargers

TE Dalton Kincaid, Utah

An All-Pac-12 player (70 catches, 890 yards, 8 TDs) in 2022, he'd give QB Justin Herbert a nice option in the seams with TE Gerald Everett and WR Keenan Allen possibly both entering their final seasons with the Bolts. A back injury suffered at the end of the 2022 season prevented Kincaid from working out this spring, but he has now been medically cleared to resume football activities.



22. Baltimore Ravens

CB Deonte Banks, Maryland

With Marcus Peters unsigned, why not target a guy in your own backyard? Measuring 6 feet, 197 pounds, Banks shone at the combine with a 4.35 40 time, 42-inch vertical and a broad jump measuring 11 feet, 4 inches. However, despite the athleticism, Banks is not the ballhawk Peters is, picking off just two passes in four seasons for the Terps.



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23. Minnesota Vikings

DB Brian Branch, Alabama

Given S Harrison Smith's age (34) and the general turnover in the Vikes' secondary, Branch would be a sensible pickup no matter where he's deployed – and given the 6-foot, 190-pound All-American's history with the Crimson Tide, that could mean a lot of time in the slot.



24. Jacksonville Jaguars

TE Michael Mayer, Notre Dame

Yes, Jags TE Evan Engram received the franchise tag. But Mayer is a completely different kind of player, one whose size (6-5, 249 pounds) could open holes for RB Travis Etienne while giving QB Trevor Lawrence a red-zone threat this roster doesn't really have right now. The 2022 All-American had 138 receptions for 1,649 yards and 16 TDs over past two seasons.



25. New York Giants

WR Quentin Johnston, TCU

An athletic, plus-sized (6-3, 208 pounds) target could nicely stabilize a position group currently awash in short-term options. Johnston averaged 19 yards per catch in college and had a dozen TD grabs over the past two seasons – a period when no Giant had more than four TD catches in either season. Johnston could be the answer that since-released WR Kenny Golladay wasn't.



26. Dallas Cowboys

DE Myles Murphy, Clemson

While "America's Team" could stand to plug up the interior of both lines, such concerns can be addressed down the board. Grabbing this All-ACC pass rusher means help for LB Micah Parsons and aging DE DeMarcus Lawrence, not to mention trouble for divisional QBs Jalen Hurts and Daniel Jones – who can really cause trouble outside the pocket for teams that don't have sufficient depth up front.



27. Buffalo Bills

WR Jordan Addison, USC

At 5-11 and 173 pounds, you'd like him to have better than 4.49 speed. However he was highly productive at Pitt (100 catches for 1,593 yards and 17 TDs in 2021) before transferring to the Trojans and leading them with 59 grabs for 875 yards and eight scores last year despite missing time with an ankle injury. Addison's ability to play wide or in the slot is appealing, and he could make an immediate difference for Buffalo, earning a lot of targets against man coverage for a team that doesn't have an established wideout behind Stefon Diggs and Gabriel Davis.



28. Cincinnati Bengals

CB Emmanuel Forbes, Mississippi State

Cincy has done a nice job drafting ahead, yet the Bengals are a team in transition in the secondary. Forbes is quite a thief, picking off 14 passes in three seasons with the Bulldogs, six of those returned for TDs (an FBS record). But he will need an NFL nutrition program to add to the 166 pounds currently attached to his 6-1 frame.



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29. New Orleans Saints (via DEN/MIA/SF)

CB DJ Turner II, Michigan

His 4.26 40 time was the fastest at the 2023 combine, and he added a 38½-inch vert and 10-foot, 11-inch broad jump for good measure. Turner could step in and give New Orleans one heck of an athlete to man the slot.



30. Philadelphia Eagles

DE Keion White, Georgia Tech

The converted tight end had 7½ sacks and 14 TFLs in 2022 for the Yellow Jackets and is a hustler even at 6-5 and 285 pounds. He's also strong as an ox, evidenced by his 30 repetitions on the 225-pound bench press at the combine. Philly DE Brandon Graham and DT Fletcher Cox can't play forever, and White could spell either depending on the situation.



31. Kansas City Chiefs

OT Anton Harrison, Oklahoma

He primarily served as the Sooners' left tackle the past three seasons, though did log time on the right side in 2022. Regardless, Harrison would be a boon to the Super Bowl champs, who parted with last season's starting tackles, Orlando Brown Jr. and Andrew Wylie. Harrison's experience on the blind side would also allow newly signed Jawaan Taylor to remain at his more familiar right tackle post.



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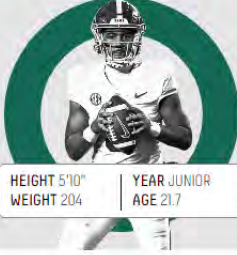


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BRYCE YOUNG

QUARTERBACK | ALABAMA



HEIGHT 5'10"

WEIGHT 204

YEAR JUNIOR

AGE 21.7

CAROLINA PANTHERS

When the Panthers made their trade with the Bears back in March, all signs pointed toward C.J. Stroud being their most likely target. The winds have shifted considerably over the past few weeks. Young is an outlier in size, but he's a really damn good quarterback, possessing high-end processing skills, accuracy, and poise. He gives the Panthers a franchise player to build around.
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WILL ANDERSON JR.

EDGE RUSHER | ALABAMA



HEIGHT 6'4"

WEIGHT 253

YEAR JUNIOR

AGE 21.6

HOUSTON TEXANS

With the Panthers taking Young, the Texans lose out on the guy they've seemingly wanted all along. With internal decision-makers reportedly split on their love for Stroud, Houston balks at taking a QB and goes with my top-ranked player in Will Anderson Jr. Anderson's a cornerstone-level talent who can help Houston rebuild its defensive line—and it'll just have to find its QB, well, later, I guess.
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C.J. STROUD

QUARTERBACK | OHIO STATE



HEIGHT 6'3"

WEIGHT 214

YEAR JUNIOR

AGE 21.5

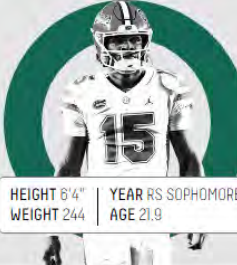
LAS VEGAS RAIDERS

TRADE: The Raiders send no. 7 plus no. 38 and a 2024 second-rounder to the Cardinals in exchange for the no. 3 pick.

With the Texans surprisingly passing on Stroud and the Cardinals desperately wanting to trade back, the Raiders pounce, giving up a pair of second-rounders to get their quarterback of the future. Stroud can come in and compete with bridge starter Jimmy Garoppolo from day one—or, at the very least, he can be ready to take the helm in 2024.
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ANTHONY RICHARDSON

QUARTERBACK | FLORIDA



HEIGHT 6'4"

WEIGHT 244

YEAR RS SOPHOMORE

AGE 21.9

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

This might be the Colts' dream scenario: getting Richardson without even having to trade up. Richardson's raw—he started just 13 games in his college career—but with elite athletic traits and an underrated feel for passing from the pocket, he brings an immeasurably high ceiling to Indianapolis. New head coach Shane Steichen can design a development plan similar to the one the Eagles rolled out for Jalen Hurts, making Richardson a big part of the run game early on while giving him some time to hone his craft as a passer.



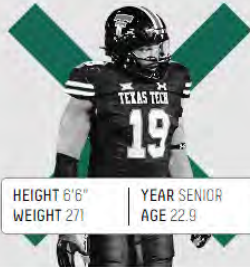
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5 TYREE WILSON

EDGE RUSHER | TEXAS TECH



HEIGHT 6'6"
WEIGHT 271

YEAR SENIOR
AGE 22.9

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

The Seahawks are likely to give heavy consideration to Georgia defensive tackle Jalen Carter at this spot, but they will instead opt for a much-needed pass rusher in Wilson. The former Texas Tech standout brings massive size and immense power to the position, giving Seattle a pocket-wrecking and run-defending impact player on the edge.



6 DEVON WITHERSPOON

DEFENSIVE BACK | ILLINOIS



HEIGHT 6'0"
WEIGHT 181

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 22.3

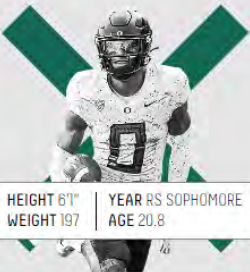
DETROIT LIONS

Witherspoon is a little undersized, but he plays with enough chutzpah to more than make up for it. The former Illini star just embodies the Lions' kneecap-biting ethos: He's a high-intensity tone-setter at cornerback who ups the energy of every one of his teammates.



7 CHRISTIAN GONZALEZ

DEFENSIVE BACK | OREGON



HEIGHT 6'1"
WEIGHT 197

YEAR RS SOPHOMORE
AGE 20.8

ARIZONA CARDINALS

After netting an extra pair of second-round picks in its trade with the Raiders, Arizona still lands a blue-chip defender in Gonzalez. The former Ducks star fills a huge need for head coach Jonathan Gannon's new defense and gives the Cardinals a foundational player to start building around.



8 BIJAN ROBINSON

RUNNING BACK | TEXAS



HEIGHT 5'11"
WEIGHT 215

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 21.2

ATLANTA FALCONS

Is this the most efficient use of draft capital? No, probably not. Is Robinson to the Falcons at no. 8 fun as hell—and the current betting favorite according to Vegas oddsmakers? Yes, yes to both. Robinson's arrival creates a trifecta of top-pick skill players for Atlanta, who used last year's top choice on receiver Drake London and the year prior's on tight end Kyle Pitts. With Arthur Smith calling plays, this Falcons team will be appointment TV every Sunday.





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9 JALEN CARTER

INTERIOR DEFENSIVE LINEMAN | GEORGIA



HEIGHT 6'3"
WEIGHT 314

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 22

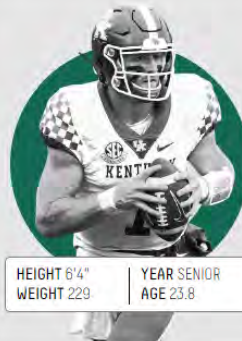
CHICAGO BEARS

Carter's slight fall stops at no. 9, giving the Bears a high-upside building block for their interior defensive line. The former Georgia star brings three-down potential as a pocket-collapsing pass rusher and difference-making run defender.



10 WILL LEVIS

QUARTERBACK | KENTUCKY



HEIGHT 6'4"
WEIGHT 229

YEAR SENIOR
AGE 23.8

HOUSTON TEXANS

TRADE: The Texans send the Eagles no. 12, a fourth-rounder (no. 104), and a fifth-rounder (no. 161) to move up to no. 10.

After passing on a quarterback with the no. 2 pick, the Texans send a pair of mid-rounders to Philly to make a small move up and nab their guy. Levis should be a great fit for the Shanahan-style scheme that new offensive coordinator Bobby Slowik is set to install in Houston, and Levis should get some help in the form of newly signed veterans Robert Woods and Dalton Schultz (not to mention the potential return of John Metchie III, who missed his rookie season because he was getting treatment for leukemia).



11 PARIS JOHNSON JR.

TACKLE | OHIO STATE



HEIGHT 6'6"
WEIGHT 313

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 21.8

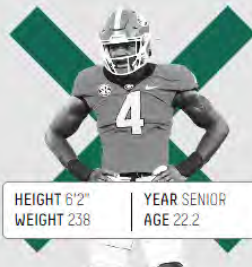
TENNESSEE TITANS

The Titans are in a soft rebuild and do the reasonable thing here, grabbing a future cornerstone left tackle in Johnson. Johnson may not start out on the blind side right away—the team did just sign Andre Dillard—but the former Buckeye brings starting experience at guard too, giving Tennessee the flexibility to fill out its offensive line with its five best performers.



12 NOLAN SMITH

EDGE RUSHER | GEORGIA



HEIGHT 6'2"
WEIGHT 238

YEAR SENIOR
AGE 22.2

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

After extracting some mid-round value and moving back two spots, the Eagles take who they wanted at no. 10 anyway. Smith is an electric athlete with elite get-off and bendy agility off the edge. The former Bulldogs star can feature in the team's pass-rush rotation from day one.





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13 PETER SKORONSKI

TACKLE | NORTHWESTERN



HEIGHT 6'4"
WEIGHT 313

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 21.7

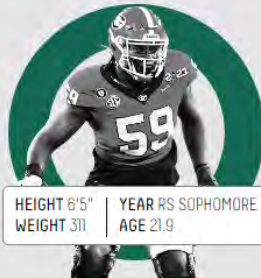
NEW YORK JETS

This pick is all about flexibility for the Jets. With a pair of volatile potential starters at left tackle in Mekhi Becton and Duane Brown, New York could benefit from having a high-quality backup plan in place. At the very least, Skoronski can slide in at guard early in his career and give the team a stable interior presence, which should benefit the soon-to-be-acquired Aaron Rodgers (right?).



14 BRODERICK JONES

TACKLE | GEORGIA



HEIGHT 6'5"
WEIGHT 311

YEAR RS SOPHOMORE
AGE 21.9

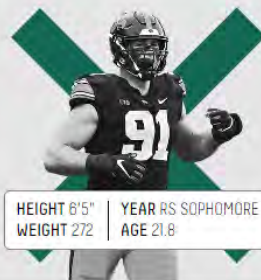
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

Jones makes a ton of sense for the Patriots, who head into 2023 with bookend tackles both north of 30 in Trent Brown and Riley Reiff. Jones is relatively raw, but he is highly athletic, has great length, and moves well in both the run and pass games.



15 LUKAS VAN NESS

EDGE RUSHER | IOWA



HEIGHT 6'5"
WEIGHT 272

YEAR RS SOPHOMORE
AGE 21.8

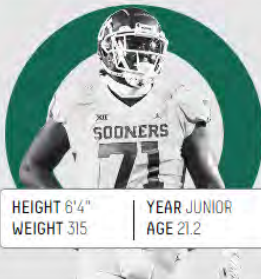
GREEN BAY PACKERS

Van Ness reminds me a little bit of Rashan Gary, another big, strong, and highly versatile defensive lineman with scintillating athletic traits. The former Hawkeyes standout will need to develop more discipline and add a few moves to his pass-rush repertoire, but he brings the upside to become an anchor of the Packers' defensive line.



16 ANTON HARRISON

TACKLE | OKLAHOMA



HEIGHT 6'4"
WEIGHT 315

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 21.2

WASHINGTON COMMANDERS

The Commanders would grab an underrated riser in Harrison here, securing their potential blindside protector for whoever ends up taking snaps for them under center in 2023 and beyond. The former Sooners tackle, who has quick feet and a strong punch, brings high-end traits to play at left tackle. He'd give the team a long-term successor to Charles Leno.





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17 JOEY PORTER JR.

DEFENSIVE BACK | PENN STATE



HEIGHT 6'3"
WEIGHT 193

YEAR RS JUNIOR
AGE 22.7

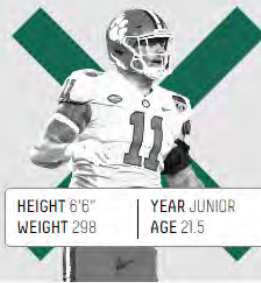
PITTSBURGH STEELERS

This one just makes too much sense. The younger Porter would land with his dad's former team, giving them some much-needed depth at a critical position. Porter can learn from a longtime veteran in Patrick Peterson.



18 BRYAN BRESEE

INTERIOR DEFENSIVE LINEMAN | CLEMSON



HEIGHT 6'6"
WEIGHT 298

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 21.5

DETROIT LIONS

Bresee would be another big, athletic interior defender for the Lions and can immediately upgrade their pass-rush packages. The former Tigers standout brings the versatility to line up all across the line and complements Alim McNeil and Aidan Hutchinson well.



19 DARNELL WRIGHT

TACKLE | TENNESSEE



HEIGHT 6'5"
WEIGHT 333

YEAR SENIOR
AGE 21.7

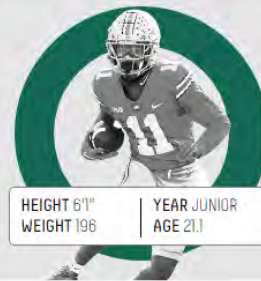
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

With Donovan Smith gone, Tristan Wirfs could be taking his place at left tackle. That leaves the right tackle spot up for grabs, and who better to fill it than Wright? The former Volunteers star is a curmudgeonly blocker in the best way, combining immense power and excellent balance in both the run and pass games.



20 JAXON SMITH-NJIGBA

WIDE RECEIVER | OHIO STATE



HEIGHT 6'1"
WEIGHT 196

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 21.1

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

The Seahawks are top-heavy at receiver, with two good ones in DK Metcalf and Tyler Lockett ... then there are a whole lot of question marks. Smith-Njigba is a perfect complement to that duo, offering high-end route-running chops to give Geno Smith another big-time target in high-leverage situations.





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21 MYLES MURPHY

EDGE RUSHER | CLEMSON



HEIGHT 6'5"
WEIGHT 268

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 21.3

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

The Chargers have gone 3-15 in their last 18 games against the Chiefs. If they want to compete with Kansas City in the AFC West, they'll have to either score a million points or start making life harder on Patrick Mahomes. Or both. Murphy would add to the team's already strong pass-rush group, giving the team another long, twitchy edge presence to rotate in alongside Joey Bosa and Khalil Mack.



22 JORDAN ADDISON

WIDE RECEIVER | USC



HEIGHT 5'11"
WEIGHT 173

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 21.2

BALTIMORE RAVENS

After signing Odell Beckham Jr. in an olive branch move directed at Lamar Jackson, the Ravens will double down and grab another playmaking receiver here. Addison is a technician of a route runner with big play potential downfield, giving Jackson another reason to return to Baltimore for 2023.



23 DEONTE BANKS

DEFENSIVE BACK | MARYLAND



HEIGHT 6'0"
WEIGHT 197

YEAR RS JUNIOR
AGE

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Banks feels tailor-made for new defensive coordinator Brian Flores. Banks is a sticky man-to-man cover corner who plays with physicality and anticipation. He is a plug-and-play starter who upgrades Minnesota's cornerback group.



24 BRIAN BRANCH

SAFETY | ALABAMA



HEIGHT 6'0"
WEIGHT 190

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 21.5

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

The Jags finished 30th in pass defense DVOA last year. They need some help in the secondary. Branch might be undersized, but he's highly instinctive, is always around the ball, and ups the intensity on the field. He'd help against both the pass and the run.





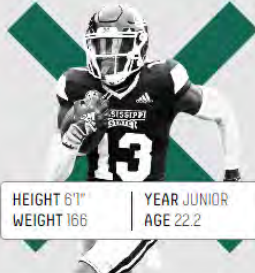
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25 EMMANUEL FORBES

DEFENSIVE BACK | MISSISSIPPI STATE



HEIGHT 6'1"
WEIGHT 166

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 22.2

NEW YORK GIANTS

The Giants finished tied for dead last in interceptions, with six in 2022. Forbes had six interceptions on his own last year in 12 games. The big question around Forbes will be his size (just 166 pounds), but the former Bulldogs star makes up for it with playmaking instincts and anticipation in coverage. He's a big play waiting to happen for a defense, and that's exactly what the Giants need.

26 MICHAEL MAYER

TIGHT END | NOTRE DAME



HEIGHT 6'5"
WEIGHT 249

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 21.8

DALLAS COWBOYS

I like Dalton Kincaid for the Cowboys in this spot too, but Mayer's blocking chops make him a better fit for the more run-focused approach that Mike McCarthy will be sure to employ in 2023. Mayer's an all-around talent who should make an impact from day one catching passes from Dak Prescott.

27 ZAY FLOWERS

WIDE RECEIVER | BOSTON COLLEGE



HEIGHT 5'9"
WEIGHT 182

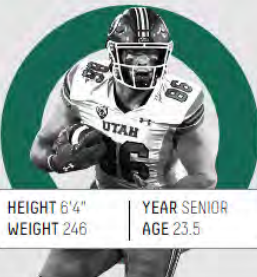
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AGE 22.6

BUFFALO BILLS

The Bills need more offensive firepower if they're going to get over the hump in the AFC, and Flowers would give them a chance to do just that. A big-play creator with inside-outside versatility, Flowers brings twitchy movement skills and run-after-the-catch ability. He's a perfect complement to Stefon Diggs and Gabriel Davis.

28 DALTON KINCAID

TIGHT END | UTAH



HEIGHT 6'4"
WEIGHT 246

YEAR SENIOR
AGE 23.5

CINCINNATI BENGALS

Kincaid is a tight end in name only—he's essentially a big receiver who brings dynamic route-running skills and run-after-the-catch talent, particularly over the middle of the field. He could be yet another dangerous playmaker for Joe Burrow and could serve as the de facto long-term replacement for Tyler Boyd.



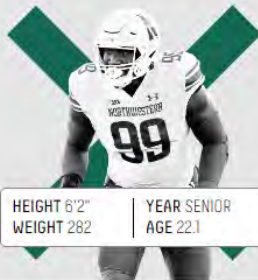
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29 ADETOMIWA ADEBAWORE

INTERIOR DEFENSIVE LINEMAN | NORTHWESTERN



HEIGHT 6'2"
WEIGHT 282

YEAR SENIOR
AGE 22.1

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

The Saints need to restock the defensive line shelves after losing David Onyemata, Shy Tuttle, and Marcus Davenport in free agency, and Adebawore is a great start. He's an elite athlete who brings positional versatility to play on both the edge and interior.



30 DJ TURNER II

DEFENSIVE BACK | MICHIGAN



HEIGHT 5'11"
WEIGHT 178

YEAR RS JUNIOR
AGE 22.4

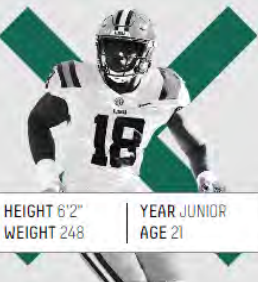
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

C.J. Gardner-Johnson is gone via free agency, and Darius Slay, now 32, isn't getting any younger. Turner is a souped-up cover man who would add critical depth to Philly's secondary—plus, he brings the versatility to play both outside and over the slot.



31 B.J. OJULARI

EDGE RUSHER | LSU



HEIGHT 6'2"
WEIGHT 248

YEAR JUNIOR
AGE 21

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

The Chiefs signed Charles Omenihu in free agency, but they won't be content to stop there, nabbing an explosive edge rusher in Ojulari here. The brother of Giants defender Azeez Ojulari, BJ has a great first step and threatens the edge immediately. He should complement Omenihu and last year's first-rounder George Karlaftis well.





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1. Carolina Panthers (via CHI)

QB Anthony Richardson, Florida

I think Bryce Young is the best quarterback prospect in this draft, but if I'm Carolina, I've already traded up from No. 9 overall to make this move. I need a huge payoff. I am confident that Young will be a solid NFL quarterback, but will his limitations prevent him from becoming a great one? I don't know. Richardson's elite athleticism and rushing threat give him a very high floor and enough breathing room to improve as a passer — specifically to fix his accuracy. He actually works through progressions and reads defenses well; he just can't reliably connect with his target. If my coaching staff thinks that's fixable, Richardson is the biggest potential home run.



2. Houston Texans

QB Bryce Young, Alabama

This is a jackpot scenario for Houston, with the best prospect in the draft slipping to the pick they wouldn't have owned if they had lost a meaningless late-season game to maintain control of the No. 1 overall selection. Young's size is scary, but he plays with the best anticipation of any quarterback in this draft and targets the middle of the field more often than much taller players, such as C.J. Stroud.



3. Indianapolis Colts (via mock trade with ARI)

QB Will Levis, Kentucky

What happens from this spot onward depends entirely on how you evaluate the remaining top two quarterbacks. I buy into what Will Levis showed in 2021 in an NFL offense with better support around him, and if I'm the Colts, I can't risk losing him to a team willing to trade to No. 3 and jump me. They flip Arizona another pick to jump one spot and snag their guy, then pray Levis jumps back up in play with a better environment around him.



4. Arizona Cardinals (via mock trade with IND)

EDGE Will Anderson Jr., Alabama

The Cardinals would love to trade further back, but this was the only deal on the table in my scenario. Picking up Anderson — the player they'd select if they were stuck at No. 3 — and adding an extra valuable selection along the way is still good business. Anderson recorded more than 200 pressures in three seasons as a starter.



5. Seattle Seahawks (via DEN)

DE Jalen Carter, Georgia

The questions to answer on Jalen Carter are ones NFL teams have better access to address than we do from the outside. Seattle is a good place for players with potential maturity concerns, and Carter may be the most talented player at any position in the draft.



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6. Tennessee Titans (via mock trade with DET/via LAR)

QB C.J. Stroud, Ohio State

I don't love C.J. Stroud as much as others, but he flashed more than enough potential against Georgia (92.2 PFF game grade) for an NFL team to buy in if he starts to slip in the draft. Tennessee jumps up from No. 11 to get its quarterback of the future and finally begin the rebuild.



7. Las Vegas Raiders

CB Devon Witherspoon, Illinois

Devon Witherspoon is the clear No. 1 cornerback in this draft class. Last season, he allowed just a 25.3 passer rating into his coverage, and a low-4.4-second 40-yard dash time at his pro day answered any lingering concerns about speed. He is also a rare tone-setting cornerback who can help enact big changes in the Raiders' defense.



8. Atlanta Falcons

OL Peter Skoronski, Northwestern

I didn't love this spot for Atlanta. I would have happily taken any trade on the table, but no offers materialized. I am simply lower on the players who others would see as great values here, so I took the best player on my board and will play him at guard to start. Skoronski allowed just five pressures all last season at tackle, but he may project inside at the next level anyway due to his 32.25-inch arms.



9. Chicago Bears (via CAR)

DI Calijah Kancey, Pittsburgh

The Bears still need impact players along the defensive line, and this is the range where Calijah Kancey starts to become intriguing. A player who will get likened to Aaron Donald perhaps compares more accurately to Buffalo's Ed Oliver, though. Kancey has elite get-off and athleticism, and he recorded a top-tier 22.7% pass-rush win rate last season.



10. Philadelphia Eagles (via NO)

S Brian Branch, Alabama

Brian Branch is one of this draft class' best players at any position. Ostensibly a safety, he can play any spot in the secondary and was elite covering the slot at Alabama despite matchups against some top receivers. He allowed a 69.3 passer rating last season and would bring valuable versatility to an Eagles defense expecting to be playing football in February again.



11. Detroit Lions (via mock trade with TEN)

CB Joey Porter Jr., Penn State

The Lions trading back from No. 6 makes me feel a lot better about grabbing a cornerback at this spot. Most people would have Oregon's Christian Gonzalez here, but I worry about a lot of his game. Joey Porter Jr. is the best press-man cornerback in the draft, but he has plenty of zone ability, as well. Over the past two seasons, he earned an 80.0-plus PFF coverage grade in zone coverage.



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12. Houston Texans (via CLE)

WR Jaxon Smith-Njigba, Ohio State

After snagging a quarterback with their first selection, the Texans need to improve their receiving corps, and they should value certainty at this spot. Maybe other receivers have more upside than Jaxon Smith-Njigba, but his floor is incredibly high. He will be productive, and the Texans need help right now. He gained an absurd 4.01 yards per route run during his sophomore season before injury kept him off the field for most of last year.



13. New York Jets

T Paris Johnson Jr., Ohio State

Assuming the Jets do eventually get a trade done for Aaron Rodgers, this is a very good roster, but they could use help along the offensive line. After Skoronski, the next group is very closely matched. Paris Johnson Jr. graded well every year in college and allowed just 14 total pressures last season. He will start at one tackle spot, and New York can figure out in training camp which one that is.



14. New England Patriots

CB Deonte Banks, Maryland

If Joey Porter Jr. is the best man coverage cornerback in the draft, Deonte Banks is the next player I would take for that scheme. The Patriots at heart still want the flexibility to run man coverage on the back end but just haven't had the horses to do it recently. Banks changes that. He allowed just four touchdowns in his last three years at Maryland.



15. Green Bay Packers

TE Dalton Kincaid, Utah

Dalton Kincaid has game-changing receiving skills at tight end. Green Bay has a receiver room of young wideouts, but Kincaid could add a huge weapon at a spot that still allows Christian Watson and Romeo Doubs to develop on the field. Kincaid dropped just two of his 93 targets last season.



16. Washington Commanders

T Anton Harrison, Oklahoma

Washington would be tempted by a cornerback at this spot, but I felt tackle represented better value. Anton Harrison allowed just nine pressures in 2022 at Oklahoma. The Commanders could start him at right tackle right now with a plan for him to potentially succeed Charles Leno Jr. on the left side after a year or two.



17. Pittsburgh Steelers

T Broderick Jones, Georgia

The weakest link on Pittsburgh's line is at tackle; the only question is which side. They'll be linked to cornerbacks more often than not here, but I think tackle is the more acute need. Broderick Jones will be the No. 1 tackle on some boards, and while I don't quite have it that way, the gap between him and my top tackle isn't a big one. This is excellent value at a position of need.



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18. Detroit Lions

CB Christian Gonzalez, Oregon

I am far lower on Christian Gonzalez than most — a player with sick movement skills and elite athleticism but who never allowed a passer rating lower than 74.7 in his college career. There's significant risk attached to his projection, and I feel a lot better about that gamble if I'm playing with house money the way Detroit would be here having already drafted Porter. This is the type of double-dip that could pay off down the line for a team looking to have long-term, sustained success.



19. Tampa Bay Buccaneers

EDGE Lukas Van Ness, Iowa

Tampa Bay could go in a few different directions here, but the best value pick felt like Lukas Van Ness, a 6-foot-5, 270-plus-pound defensive lineman with incredible power and flexibility to rush the passer. He racked up 46 pressures on 271 pass-rushing snaps last season and should add a degree of solidity to the Buccaneers' defensive line.



20. Seattle Seahawks

WR Jordan Addison, USC

Despite his best efforts to undermine this view with his measurables and pre-draft testing, Jordan Addison is still my No. 1 wide receiver. He is undersized and didn't set blazing times in the 40, but he's an elite route runner who knows how to win at all levels and from all alignments. He's a perfect receiver for the Seahawks.



21. Los Angeles Chargers

WR Quentin Johnston, TCU

I'm scared by some of the deficiencies in Quentin Johnston's game, but those would matter a lot less in the Chargers' offense given what they already have in the building. Johnston's speed would be a huge addition to this offense, and he averaged almost 9.0 yards after the catch last season.



22. Baltimore Ravens

EDGE Nolan Smith, Georgia

Baltimore loves adding edge rushers of all shapes and sizes to its defense, and Nolan Smith would be just the latest example. An elite athlete, Smith is also an exceptional run defender despite weighing 238 pounds. He posted a 25.5% pass-rush win rate last season and an elite 14.9% run-stop rate.



23. Kansas City Chiefs (via mock trade with MIN)

T Darnell Wright, Tennessee

With the top tackles flying off the board, the Chiefs decide to make a move for the player they're most comfortable starting at right tackle on Day 1: Tennessee's Darnell Wright. He allowed just eight pressures all last season despite facing players like Alabama's Will Anderson Jr.



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24. Jacksonville Jaguars

EDGE Tyree Wilson, Texas Tech

I'm not sure in an ideal world whether I would want to spend a first-round draft pick on Tyree Wilson, given his draft profile, but at this point in the first round, I think I'd roll the dice that I'm wrong and everybody else is right. Wilson tallied 50 pressures last season on 257 pass-rushing snaps.



25. New York Giants

C John Michael Schmitz, Minnesota

John Michael Schmitz should be a first-round player on everybody's draft board. Given how low he is on the consensus board, I would be tempted to play the value game and try and select him later, but in the end I played it safe and grabbed an elite player at a position of need. He allowed two sacks and just 19 pressures over three years.



26. Dallas Cowboys

RB Bijan Robinson, Texas

Bijan Robinson is one of the most talented players in the draft, and at some point, the value becomes too good to turn down. Dallas doesn't have a list of glaring needs, so I'm taking a player who can dominate within an offense already in excellent shape. Robinson gained more than 1,000 yards after contact and broke 104 tackles last season.



27. Buffalo Bills

CB Cam Smith, South Carolina

Cam Smith has first-round talent at cornerback and trails only his teammate Darius Rush in forced incompleteness rate over the past two seasons in this draft class (26.5%). He allowed just a 55.4 passer rating into his coverage over that span, a fraction above Devon Witherspoon (55.1).



28. Cincinnati Bengals

TE Michael Mayer, Notre Dame

Michael Mayer is the best all-around tight end in this class. He's a natural fit within the Bengals' offense, even if free agent acquisition Irv Smith Jr. stays healthy for the first time in his career. Mayer should be a plus blocker right away and can win consistently in an offense already bristling with passing weaponry.



29. New Orleans Saints (via DEN/MIA/SF)

EDGE Myles Murphy, Clemson

The Saints look to replace Marcus Davenport with another talented, athletic and physically imposing edge defender in Clemson's Myles Murphy. A player who didn't necessarily peak in college, Murphy was consistently good without reaching great. He finished 2022 with only a 14.3% pass-rush win rate, but the Saints would value his athletic traits.



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30. Philadelphia Eagles

LB Jack Campbell, Iowa

This is not a good linebacker draft, but Iowa's Jack Campbell brings old-school prototypical size to the draft. Campbell is 6-foot-5 and 249 pounds and earned an elite 91.9 PFF grade last season. He will be a tackling machine within the Eagles' defense, giving them more flexibility with Nakobe Dean after losing multiple starters from last year's unit.



31. Minnesota Vikings (via mock trade with KC)

DE Bryan Bresee, Clemson

The Vikings would be tempted by a receiver at this spot, and were I higher on Zay Flowers I might have made that move. They still badly need some interior impact on the defensive line, and the potential in Bryan Bresee is too much to overlook here. Last season, Bresee put up 24 pressures on 203 pass-rushing snaps, but his best football could easily be ahead of him, given the way his college career played out.



PLAYER RANKINGS





2023 PLAYER RANKINGS (BIG BOARD)

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1. Jalen Carter, DT, Georgia

HT: 6-foot-3 | WT: 314 pounds | Previously: 1

Carter is clearly a complicated prospect. In mid-March, he pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charges of reckless driving and racing for his alleged role in a Jan. 15 car wreck that killed a former Georgia teammate and a recruiting staffer. Carter was sentenced to 12 months of probation and assessed a \$1,000 fine and 80 hours of community service. As part of his plea, his attorney told ESPN the state is forever barred from bringing additional charges. He also showed up at his pro day 9 pounds heavier than he was at the NFL combine, and he couldn't finish the position drills. The reality is Carter's stock hasn't dropped in the eyes of NFL teams, and so I'm not dropping him in my rankings. On the field, he is a fantastic prospect. I moved him to No. 1 in my December Big Board update, and he finished the season playing the best ball of his career. He had 12 quarterback pressures in his final three games for the back-to-back national champs. He was fantastic after he returned in late October from missing two games due to a knee issue. Check out this show of force in the SEC title game against LSU. He's explosive at the snap and finishes well around the ball, even though he had just six career sacks.



2. Bryce Young, QB, Alabama

HT: 5-10 | WT: 204 | Previously: 3

The 2021 Heisman Trophy winner has an incredibly quick release. He's accurate and is an anticipatory thrower who knows how to hit receivers where they need the ball to run after the catch. He doesn't make many mistakes. He's one of the best "processors" I've scouted over the past decade, meaning he goes through read progressions to find his target or knows exactly the right time to escape the pocket. The questions about Young are purely related to his size; he measured 5-foot-10 and weighed in at 204 pounds at the combine. That's almost identical to Kyler Murray's measurements at the 2019 combine (5-foot-10, 207), but Young doesn't have the same lower-body build as Murray. Can Young's frame hold up at the next level? If he was bigger, he'd be the shoo-in for the No. 1 pick. His arm is more than good enough for him to be a great NFL signal-caller. After a 47-touchdown, seven-interception season in 2021, Young had 32 touchdown passes and five picks last season, and his 86.2 QBR ranked sixth among all signal-callers in the FBS.



3. Will Anderson Jr., OLB, Alabama

HT: 6-3 | WT: 253 | Previously: 2

Anderson's sack numbers were down (10) from his historic 2021 season (17.5), and he ranked sixth in the country with 19.5 tackles for loss after being No. 1 (34.5) in 2021. He had a stunning 130 pressures over the past two seasons, which is 45 more than the second-best defender (San Jose State's Viliami Fehoko). He is a dominant and complete edge rusher who might have been the No. 1 pick this past April if he had been eligible for the draft. Anderson doesn't take plays off, is versatile and plays the run well. He's explosive off the line of scrimmage. Nick Saban & Co. used him as a stand-up outside linebacker, as a down defensive end and even at tackle, where he can blow up guards and centers at the snap. Anderson also went through every drill at the combine, showing he's not afraid of competition.



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4. Will Levis, QB, Kentucky

HT: 6-4 | WT: 229 | Previously: 4

Levis' stats won't blow anyone away, but he didn't have a great supporting cast of playmakers around him. He had 19 touchdown passes and 10 interceptions last season, and his 60.9 QBR ranked 59th in the country. But when I went through and watched all of his starts at Kentucky, I was really impressed with his game. Levis has a rocket launcher for an arm and makes some "wow" throws. That has gotten the Penn State transfer into trouble at times, but it's clear watching him that he believes he can fit the ball into any window. My comparison for him is Matthew Stafford. Levis played in a pro-style offense at Kentucky, and he's not going to need much time to adjust to the NFL. He can maneuver the pocket and throw on the run. Many of Levis' turnovers came when he tried to use his arm to force throws, and he's going to be punished for mistakes at the next level. He is the real deal, though, and there are lots of Levis fans in the NFL.



5. C.J. Stroud, QB, Ohio State

HT: 6-3 | WT: 214 | Previously: 5

Stroud had 85 touchdown passes and 12 interceptions over the past two seasons. He ranked first in the country in yards per dropback (8.9), second in QBR (88.9) and third in yards per attempt (9.5). He is quite simply a fantastic thrower of the football. He has smooth mechanics and good (not great) arm strength, and he can throw with touch to all levels of the field. We saw Stroud's flaws in his worst game of the season, a two-interception performance in the loss to Michigan to close the regular season. He has to get better when he's off schedule and when plays break down. I'd like to see him use his legs to scramble for first downs; he can be a little too rigid in the pocket. And then we saw him at his best as he threw for 348 yards and four touchdowns in the narrow loss to Georgia in the College Football Playoff semifinals. He actually did use his legs a few times in that one, and he was decisive and nearly flawless as a passer. All three of these passers have very similar grades on my board. Stroud also had a stellar throwing session at the combine.



6. Anthony Richardson, QB, Florida

HT: 6-4 | WT: 244 | Previously: 6

I wrote before the season that I was putting Richardson in my Big Board because of his potential. You can't coach his talent and physical ability, and NFL coaches will see the tools and try to develop him. He had an up-and-down season, throwing 17 touchdown passes and nine interceptions while running for nine scores. His 71.2 QBR ranked 30th in the country. Richardson is still very raw -- his mechanics and footwork need a lot of work. He has accuracy issues on shorter throws that should be easier. And yet, the arm strength and the dual-threat ability are so intriguing that a team near the end of Round 1 absolutely could take him and let him develop. What I say about the draft is that we're trying to project who a prospect could be, not evaluate exactly what he is right now. Richardson hasn't come close to his ceiling. He's a polarizing prospect within the league, but he lit up the combine with his speed and physical ability.



7. Devon Witherspoon, CB, Illinois

HT: 5-11 | WT: 181 | Previously: 7

Witherspoon allowed 16 receptions on 54 targets as the primary defender last season. He gave up just 3.3 yards per attempt and zero touchdowns while breaking up 14 passes and picking off three more. Impressed yet? He was extremely consistent all season. He doesn't get handsy with receivers, so his game will translate well to the NFL. He also will tackle when needed. Witherspoon didn't work out at the combine because of a minor injury; he ran a mid-4.4s 40-yard dash at his pro day in early April.



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8. Peter Skoronski, G/OT, Northwestern

HT: 6-4 | WT: 313 | Previously: 11

I just switched Skoronski from a tackle to a guard in my rankings, though opinions differ on him across the league. Some see him as a great left tackle; others believe he could be an All-Pro guard. His arm length is shorter than average for tackles (32 1/4 inches), and that could scare away some teams. Skoronski started 33 games at left tackle for the Wildcats, and he just kept getting better. He is a technician who can bend. He shrugs off quick pass-rushers and can contain rushers who try to win with power. He allowed just nine pressures and one sack last season, even though his team struggled. He could be Northwestern's second top-15 offensive tackle pick in three years (joining Rashawn Slater in 2021).



9. Bijan Robinson, RB, Texas

HT: 5-11 | WT: 215 | Previously: 9

Robinson did absolutely everything for Texas. He ran inside and outside, caught passes and scored a bunch of touchdowns. I'm a big fan. Robinson's 2021 season ended when he dislocated his left elbow, but he showed elite ability in those 10 games. He led the FBS in broken tackles forced per game (4.1) and averaged 112.7 rushing yards per game. He is a cut-and-go runner with outstanding vision and explosiveness. Another thing I like about Robinson's game: He catches passes with his hands, not his body. He had 19 catches last season, averaging 16.5 yards per reception. I think NFL teams could use him even more in the passing game. I don't love drafting running backs in Round 1, but Robinson deserves this ranking; I grade based on ability, not my first-round philosophy. Now he just needs to find a team that values him, because he's a three-down back.



10. Zay Flowers, WR, Boston College

HT: 5-9 | WT: 182 | Previously: 16

Flowers, who had 200 catches and 31 touchdowns in his college career, is one of my favorite prospects in this entire class. He's so elusive, so quick in and out of his breaks. He can play out of the slot or lined up outside. He can take a jet sweep to the house. He just gets open and makes plays. He forced 25 missed tackles last season, the third most in the country for a wideout. Flowers' size won't wow teams, but if they just put on the tape, they'll see why he's a first-round talent.

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11. Christian Gonzalez, CB, Oregon

HT: 6-1 | WT: 197 | Previously: 8

Gonzalez started 18 games at Colorado -- including six as a true freshman in 2020 -- before transferring to Oregon before the 2022 season. After an inconsistent game in the season-opening loss to Georgia, he was a lockdown corner the rest of the way. He picked off four passes in 2022; he has the hands of a receiver. Gonzalez has excellent length and has the recovery speed (4.38-second 40-yard dash at the combine) to make up for mistakes in his technique. He also put up a 41.5-inch vertical jump at the combine, which tied for second among the corners -- a half-inch behind Deonte Banks (Maryland).



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12. Jaxon Smith-Njigba, WR, Ohio State

HT: 6-1 | WT: 196 | Previously: 17

Smith-Njigba had a lost 2022 season, finishing with five catches because of a nagging hamstring injury. The injury shouldn't affect his play in 2023, and I still think he could be a star at the next level. He was impressive at the combine, though he didn't run the 40-yard dash. This is the same wideout who led Ohio State in catches (95) and yards (1,606) in 2021, even on a team with two wide receivers drafted in Round 1 of the 2022 draft. He has stellar burst and explosiveness out of breaks. He's a hands catcher who can run the entire route tree, and he can make defenders miss after the catch. Most of Smith-Njigba's work came from the slot in 2021 -- all but eight of his catches came while aligned there. He led the FBS in receiving yards per route run (4.0).



13. Nolan Smith, OLB, Georgia

HT: 6-2 | WT: 238 | Previously: 15

I had Smith in my top 25 during the season, before he tore his right pectoral muscle and missed the rest of the season. He is another rising prospect from the combine -- he ran a 4.39-second 40-yard dash and had a 41.5-inch vertical. As I noted in my post-combine list, he is the second-heaviest player to run a sub-4.4 40 and have a vertical jump of more than 40 inches since 2006 (Vernon Davis is the other). Smith had just 6.5 sacks over the past two seasons, but an NFL team could fall in love with his traits. He has also gotten rave reviews about his interviews with coaches and execs in the pre-draft process.



14. Paris Johnson Jr., OT, Ohio State

HT: 6-6 | WT: 313 | Previously: 12

After a season at guard, Johnson kicked outside to left tackle for the Buckeyes in 2022. He was impressive, allowing two sacks and just 10 pressures as C.J. Stroud's protector. The former five-star prospect has a great chance to be the top tackle in this class. He moves his feet well in pass sets and in the run game, and he has the quickness to keep up with speedy edge rushers. Johnson has everything NFL teams look for in a day one starter at left tackle. Plus, if you're comparing arm length, he has almost four inches on Skoronski.



15. Broderick Jones, OT, Georgia

HT: 6-5 | WT: 311 | Previously: NR

Jones started 19 games for the back-to-back champs over the past two seasons, filling in for Jamaree Salyer in 2021 before taking over the left tackle job full-time last season. And he should stay on the left side and be a future All-Pro. Jones has great feet in pass protection and can plow over defenders in the run game. He didn't allow a single sack on 446 pass-block snaps last season.



16. Darnell Wright, OT, Tennessee

HT: 6-5 | WT: 333 | Previously: NR

Wright is the best pure right tackle in this draft. He could end up at No. 9 to the Bears, who have a huge need for a right tackle. He started 42 games in college, playing both tackle spots and right guard for the Vols. Wright got better every season. Go watch his tape against Alabama and Will Anderson Jr. -- he dominated a potential top-three pick. Wright was called for eight penalties in 2021 but just two last season, so he cleaned up his game.



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17. Joey Porter Jr., CB, Penn State

HT: 6-2 | WT: 193 | Previously: 10

I'm a fan of Porter, a lanky and physical defender who can reroute receivers with the best of them. He has really long arms. He is aggressive, although he had just one career interception in 30 career starts. His 4.46-second 40-yard dash (with a 1.50-second 10-yard split) at the combine was great for his size.



18. Dalton Kincaid, TE, Utah

HT: 6-4 | WT: 246 | Previously: 19

A transfer from San Diego, where he had 20 touchdown catches in 2018 and '19 combined, Kincaid had 16 scores for the Utes over the past two seasons. He has excellent hands -- check out this touchdown grab -- and he has great speed, though he didn't run at the combine. Utah often used him out of the slot, and he torched safeties trying to cover him. Kincaid also improved as a blocker last season. He fits the mold of what NFL teams want from their "move" tight ends.



19. Jordan Addison, WR, USC

HT: 5-11 | WT: 171 | Previously: 22

We discussed Addison early in the 2022 season when he had seven catches for 172 yards and two scores. What stands out about him is his route-running ability. He just gets open, and he can do it in so many ways. He can make up ground with late bursts to track the ball. He explodes off the line of scrimmage. Addison had 100 catches for 1,592 yards and 17 touchdowns at Pitt in 2021. He struggled a little bit with an unspecified injury over the last two months in 2022, but he finished the season with 59 catches for 875 yards and eight scores. He was used out of the slot more at Pitt -- he had 76 catches and 14 touchdowns when lined up there in 2021 -- but could play anywhere at the next level.



20. Will McDonald IV, OLB, Iowa State

HT: 6-3 | WT: 239 | Previously: 13

I moved McDonald into my Big Board in February, thanks to a dominant performance at the Senior Bowl. He was unblockable. There was some concern over his frame, but he weighed in at 241 pounds in Mobile, Alabama, which assuaged some concerns about whether he could hold up at the next level (he was two pounds lighter at the combine). McDonald is a speed rusher who is super explosive; he had the best broad jump of any of the edge rushers at the combine (11 feet). He had five sacks last season, but he put up 11.5 in 2021 and 10.5 in 2020, so he has a history of production. He's going to be coveted by teams that run a 3-4 because such teams always have a need for high-end edge rushers.



21. Tyree Wilson, DE, Texas Tech

HT: 6-6 | WT: 271 | Previously: 20

I wrote about Wilson in our draft notebook in November, and my guy Jordan Reid has been on him since he watched the 2021 tape. Wilson was a consistent menace off the edge for the Red Raiders. He had seven sacks and 15 total tackles for loss, showing explosion at the snap as a pass-rusher, taking on blockers and holding his ground in the run game. For edge rushers, it's all about physical traits and tools, and the 6-foot-6 Wilson has everything teams want in that regard. Wilson broke a foot late in the season, so he didn't go through drills or athletic testing at the combine.



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22. Emmanuel Forbes, CB, Mississippi State

HT: 6-1 | WT: 166 | Previously: 23

As I wrote in my mock draft 2.0, Forbes is a boom-or-bust corner. He has a knack for the incredible play -- he had 14 picks over the past three seasons. He also can get beat deep at times. Some of that is because he was asked to lock down the top receiver on every team and he didn't get much help. On tape, though, I really like Forbes' aggressiveness and fight. The question is his weight -- he was just 166 pounds at the combine after being listed at 180 pounds in college. That's small. I still think he's a Round 1 prospect -- he obviously will put on weight as he gets older -- but he's not a top-15 lock. What helps Forbes is that he ran a lightning-fast 4.35-second 40-yard dash in Indianapolis (with an elite 1.48 10-yard split).



23. Myles Murphy, DE, Clemson

HT: 6-5 | WT: 258 | Previously: NR

Murphy has a quick burst out of his stance and can close quickly off the corner. He also plays the run well and is physical at the point of attack. He had 11 sacks in his first two seasons at Clemson and had 6.5 in 2022. He moves inside to tackle at times, so that versatility will help his stock for NFL teams. I wrote in September that I wanted to see his sack production rise before moving him up, and while he didn't have elite numbers, he did improve. He has a chance to go in the top 15 picks because teams always reach for edge rushers.



24. Michael Mayer, TE, Notre Dame

HT: 6-4 | WT: 248 | Previously: 18

Mayer had 67 catches for 809 yards and nine touchdowns in 2022, the latter of which led the country among tight ends. In three seasons at Notre Dame, he had 180 catches for 2,099 yards and 18 scores. NFL teams want tight ends who can stretch the deep middle of the field and block well enough to line up next to offensive tackles. That's Mayer, who can be a force in the red zone. Linebackers simply can't cover him (and safeties struggle with his size). He has a wide catch radius and could produce as a pass-catcher in the NFL. He's a complete player.



25. Deonte Banks, CB, Maryland

HT: 6-0 | WT: 197 | Previously: NR

Banks has a great frame and is not afraid to get physical. He tackles in the run game and will stick to receivers like glue in coverage. After missing all but two games last season because of injury, he was fantastic for the Terps in 2022, breaking up eight passes with an interception. He also seemed to up his game in the biggest matchups on their schedule. Banks' tape is one of the most impressive I've seen in this class in terms of man coverage. He also has a lot of experience; he started eight games as a true freshman in 2019. He ran a 4.35-second 40-yard dash and put up a 42-inch vertical leap at the combine.



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Quarterbacks

1. Bryce Young, Alabama
 2. Will Levis, Kentucky
 3. C.J. Stroud, Ohio State
 4. Anthony Richardson, Florida
 5. Hendon Hooker, Tennessee
 6. Clayton Tune, Houston
 7. Stetson Bennett, Georgia
 8. Jake Haener, Fresno State
 9. Max Duggan, TCU
 10. Dorian Thompson-Robinson, UCLA
- Just missed: Aidan O'Connell, Purdue

Running backs

1. Bijan Robinson, Texas
 2. Jahmyr Gibbs, Alabama
 3. Devon Achane, Texas A&M
 4. Zach Charbonnet, UCLA
 5. DeWayne McBride, UAB
 6. Kendre Miller, TCU
 7. Tyjae Spears, Tulane
 8. Israel Abanikanda, Pitt
 9. Tank Bigsby, Auburn
 10. Chase Brown, Illinois
- Just missed: Sean Tucker, Syracuse

Fullbacks/H-backs

1. Hunter Luepke, North Dakota State
 2. Josh Whyle, Cincinnati
 3. Brayden Willis, Oklahoma
 4. Jack Colletto, Oregon State
 5. Monte Pottebaum, Iowa
 6. Derek Parish, Houston
 7. Princeton Fant, Tennessee
 8. Ryan Jones, East Carolina
 9. Ryan Miller, Furman
 10. Javon Williams Jr., Southern Illinois
- Just missed: Tyrick James, Tulane

Wide receivers

1. Zay Flowers, Boston College
 2. Jaxon Smith-Njigba, Ohio State
 3. Jordan Addison, USC
 4. Quentin Johnston, TCU
 5. Jalin Hyatt, Tennessee
 6. Josh Downs, North Carolina
 7. Marvin Mims, Oklahoma
 8. Jonathan Mingo, Ole Miss
 9. Cedric Tillman, Tennessee
 10. Jayden Reed, Michigan State
- Just missed: Michael Wilson, Stanford

Tight ends

1. Dalton Kincaid, Utah
 2. Michael Mayer, Notre Dame
 3. Luke Musgrave, Oregon State
 4. Darnell Washington, Georgia
 5. Brenton Strange, Penn State
 6. Tucker Kraft, South Dakota State
 7. Sam LaPorta, Iowa
 8. Luke Schoonmaker, Michigan
 9. Zack Kuntz, Old Dominion
 10. Will Mallory, Miami
- Just missed: Cameron Latu, Alabama

Offensive tackles

1. Paris Johnson Jr., Ohio State
 2. Broderick Jones, Georgia
 3. Darnell Wright, Tennessee
 4. Anton Harrison, Oklahoma
 5. Matthew Bergeron, Syracuse
 6. Blake Freeland, BYU
 7. Cody Mauch, North Dakota State
 8. Tyler Steen, Alabama
 9. Dawand Jones, Ohio State
 10. Joey Fisher, Shepherd
- Just missed: Jaelyn Duncan, Maryland

Guards

1. Peter Skoronski, Northwestern
 2. O'Cyrus Torrence, Florida
 3. Steve Avila, TCU
 4. Chandler Zavala, NC State
 5. Braeden Daniels, Utah
 6. Andrew Vorhees, USC
 7. McClendon Curtis, UT-Chattanooga
 8. Anthony Bradford, LSU
 9. Emil Ekiyor Jr., Alabama
 10. Jordan McFadden, Clemson
- Just missed: Warren McClendon, Georgia

Centers

1. John Michael Schmitz, Minnesota
 2. Joe Tippmann, Wisconsin
 3. Olu Oluwatimi, Michigan
 4. Luke Wypler, Ohio State
 5. Juice Scruggs, Penn State
 6. Jarrett Patterson, Notre Dame
 7. Ricky Stromberg, Arkansas
 8. Alex Forsyth, Oregon
 9. Nick Broeker, Ole Miss
 10. Jake Andrews, Troy
- Just missed: Alan Ali, TCU



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Defensive ends

1. Tyree Wilson, Texas Tech
 2. Myles Murphy, Clemson
 3. Keion White, Georgia Tech
 4. Lukas Van Ness, Iowa
 5. Felix Anudike-Uzomah, Kansas State
 6. Tuli Tuipulotu, USC
 7. Isaiah Foskey, Notre Dame
 8. Zach Harrison, Ohio State
 9. Tavius Robinson, Ole Miss
 10. YaYa Diaby, Louisville
- Just missed: Isaiah McGuire, Missouri

Defensive tackles

1. Jalen Carter, Georgia
 2. Calijah Kancey, Pitt
 3. Bryan Bresee, Clemson
 4. Adetomiwa Adebawore, Northwestern
 5. Mazi Smith, Michigan
 6. Jaquelin Roy, LSU
 7. Karl Brooks, Bowling Green
 8. Keanu Benton, Wisconsin
 9. Colby Wooden, Auburn
 10. Siaki Ika, Baylor
- Just missed: Gervon Dexter, Florida

Inside linebackers

1. Trenton Simpson, Clemson
 2. Drew Sanders, Arkansas
 3. Jack Campbell, Iowa
 4. Daiyan Henley, Washington State
 5. Henry To'oTo'o, Alabama
 6. Dorian Williams, Tulane
 7. DeMarvion Overshown, Texas
 8. Dee Winters, TCU
 9. Noah Sewell, Oregon
 10. Owen Pappoe, Auburn
- Just missed: Nick Herbig, Wisconsin

Outside linebackers

1. Will Anderson Jr., Alabama
 2. Nolan Smith, Georgia
 3. Will McDonald IV, Iowa State
 4. BJ Ojulari, LSU
 5. Derick Hall, Auburn
 6. Byron Young, Tennessee
 7. Yasir Abdullah, Louisville
 8. Dylan Horton, TCU
 9. Andre Carter II, Army
 10. Mike Morris, Michigan
- Just missed: Thomas Incoom, Central Michigan

Cornerbacks

1. Devon Witherspoon, Illinois
 2. Christian Gonzalez, Oregon
 3. Joey Porter Jr., Penn State
 4. Emmanuel Forbes, Mississippi State
 5. Deonte Banks, Maryland
 6. DJ Turner, Michigan
 7. Kelee Ringo, Georgia
 8. Cam Smith, South Carolina
 9. Julius Brents, Kansas State
 10. Tyrique Stevenson, Miami
- Just missed: Garrett Williams, Syracuse

Safeties

1. Brian Branch, Alabama
 2. Ji'Ayir Brown, Penn State
 3. Jartavius Martin, Illinois
 4. Antonio Johnson, Texas A&M
 5. Riley Moss, Iowa
 6. Sydney Brown, Illinois
 7. Jammie Robinson, Florida State
 8. Anthony Johnson Jr., Iowa State
 9. Jordan Battle, Alabama
 10. JL Skinner, Boise State
- Just missed: Jarrick Bernard-Converse, LSU

Kickers and Punters

1. Chad Ryland, Maryland (K)
2. Bryce Baringer, Michigan State (P)
3. Jake Moody, Michigan (K)
4. Michael Turk, Oklahoma (P)
5. Adam Korsak, Rutgers (P)
6. Jack Podlesny, Georgia (K)
7. Brad Robbins, Michigan (P)
8. Paxton Brooks, Tennessee (P)
9. Christopher Dunn, NC State (K)
10. Ethan Evans, Wingate (P)

Returns

1. Derius Davis, TCU
2. Tank Dell, Houston
3. Charlie Jones, Purdue
4. Malik Knowles, Kansas State
5. Aron Cruickshank, Rutgers
6. Tre Tucker, Cincinnati
7. Jayden Reed, Michigan State
8. Eric Garror, Louisiana
9. Natrone Brooks, So. Mississippi
10. Demario Douglas, Liberty

Long Snappers

1. Alex Ward, UCF
2. Robert Soderholm, VMI
3. Chris Stoll, Penn State
4. Matt Hembrough, Oklahoma State
5. Austin Mock, Liberty
6. Joe Shimko, NC State



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1. Bryce Young, QB, Alabama

HT: 5-foot-10 | WT: 204 pounds

Grade: 95

Young has a short, linear frame by NFL quarterback standards and weighed in at 204 pounds at the combine. That means durability is his biggest concern entering the NFL. But as a passer, Young is a fast processor who has rare poise. The game slows down for him, and he never seems to panic. He is sudden and tough in the pocket, with quick feet and a swift release. Young displays very good ball placement on the perimeter at all three levels, and he showcases excellent touch and knows how to lead receivers into yards after the catch. He does need to improve the consistency of his accuracy on anticipation throws over the middle of the field. But Young shows great overall operational poise, and no moment is too big for him. He's a pocket passer first, but he has the mobility to frequently extend plays and generate production with his feet.



2. Bijan Robinson, RB, Texas

HT: 5-11 | WT: 215

Grade: 95

Robinson is a patient and instinctive runner who makes the most of his blocking and has a good feel for cutback lanes. He presses the line of scrimmage then weaves in and out of seams. He has the burst to turn the corner on perimeter runs, and he runs behind his pads and gets good push when he doesn't get a seam. Robinson has outstanding contact balance, and it almost always takes more than one defender to get him on the ground when he gets into space. He makes defenders miss without losing much momentum. And he is a great hands catcher with the body control to adjust to passes thrown outside his frame.



3. C.J. Stroud, QB, Ohio State

HT: 6-3 | WT: 214

Grade: 94

Stroud shows excellent football instincts and decision-making. He reads progressions and sees the entire field at an NFL level, and he's decisive and trusts his fast eyes. Simply put, Stroud is the best pure pocket passer in the 2023 draft class. He has a large catalog of remarkably accurate throws under pressure, and his touch and timing are outstanding. He layers the ball beautifully and also knows when to add velocity to his fastball. And he shows a unique feel for trajectory. Stroud has a smooth delivery with good arm strength, and there isn't a throw he needs to make that he can't deliver with authority. He shows outstanding toughness in the pocket, too. Stroud needs to continue to improve his strength and show more willingness to run the football and extend plays with his feet, but he grades out as a Year 1 starter in the NFL.

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4. Will Anderson Jr., OLB, Alabama

HT: 6-4 | WT: 253

Grade: 94

Anderson has longer arms for his frame, excellent speed and great flexibility for the position. His combination of an explosive first step and quick, powerful hands is outstanding. Anderson also locates the ball in a flash, and he has fantastic redirect quickness and closing burst to capitalize on those recognition skills. As a pass-rusher, he frequently wins by overpowering blockers with his lower-body strength and powerful punch, but he's capable of winning one-on-ones in a multitude of ways. The only knock is he occasionally leaves sack production on the field when he comes in too hot or isn't able to gear down in time to finish. Even so, his pass rush production has been outrageous. And against the run, Anderson excels in stacking, locating, disengaging and pursuing relentlessly. He shows great range and sets a hard edge with ease.



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5. Jalen Carter, DT, Georgia

HT: 6-3 | WT: 314

Grade: 94

Carter is far more productive than his sack totals indicate. He fires off the ball with an explosive first step, he has long arms and powerful hands and he shows very good torso flexibility. In other words, he has every tool in the box necessary to emerge as a top-tier interior pass-rusher early in his career. Carter is highly adept at working the edges of offensive linemen and is efficient with his hands and angles. Against the run, he's strong, active and disciplined. He rarely gets stalemated in one-on-ones, and he's strong/flexible enough to hold the point against some double-teams. Carter also has good range once he disengages and pursues. NFL teams will obviously be spending considerable time examining Carter's off-field situation, though. He pleaded no contest to charges of reckless driving and racing in connection with a crash that killed a Bulldogs teammate and a recruiting staff member.



6. Tyree Wilson, DE, Texas Tech

HT: 6-6 | WT: 271

Grade: 93

Wilson is difficult to keep off the quarterback when he shoots his hands inside and extends his long arms. He overwhelms offensive tackles with speed to power and pushes offensive tackles upfield before re-directing inside. He closes quickly and delivers some big hits. Wilson sometimes gets pushed past the quarterback, but he can still dip, bend and use his arms to get a hand on the quarterback. He wins rushing both off the edge and between the tackles. And while he's at his best hunting the quarterback, he moves well for his size and can spot drop into coverage. Wilson has the size and strength to set the edge and drive blockers into the backfield when teams run at him. He gets off blocks and makes plays but has some room for improvement in this area. His length is a great asset when it comes to his tackling.



7. Devon Witherspoon, CB, Illinois

HT: 6-1 | WT: 181

Grade: 93

Witherspoon has the instincts, balance and burst to smother short-to-intermediate routes. He flashes great timing when breaking up passes, and he's fluid and fast enough to turn and run with most receivers in press. He turns to locate the ball and plays through the receiver's hands at the catch point. Witherspoon also plays the ball, not the man, and limits production after the catch in zone looks. He matches up with outside receivers, slot receivers and tight ends. Witherspoon does get overly physical and grabby at times, and he's on the smaller side.



8. Christian Gonzalez, CB, Oregon

HT: 6-1 | WT: 197

Grade: 92

Gonzalez is a talented press corner with the length to get his hands on receivers, the foot speed to mirror a receiver's release, the fluidity to flip his hips and the speed to run with receivers. He shows the burst to recover quickly when he gets caught out of phase, and he's smooth changing directions matching up underneath. Gonzalez also closes well breaking on passes thrown in front of him and plays the ball rather than the man. He's versatile enough to match up over the slot and on the outside, but he needs to get stronger to improve his ability to come down with 50-50 balls.



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9. Peter Skoronski, OT, Northwestern

HT: 6-4 | WT: 313

Grade: 92

Skoronski is sudden and shows mirror-slide quickness in pass pro. He is almost always on balance, shows great patience and has a lot of snap in his punch. He does a great job of keeping his hands inside and generates leverage with his placement. Skoronski displays excellent awareness and communication working against stunts, twists and all games. He will give up ground at first to powerful rushers, but he does a good job of resinking his hips and establishing an anchor. As a run-blocker, he takes excellent angles, has great range and is fundamentally sound. He plays with great passion and energy and he does a really good job of latching on and then bringing his feet and hips around on seal blocks. He's not an overpowering run-blocker, but he almost always gets into great position and stuns with initial contact. Skoronski lacks ideal length but he is a reliable left tackle prospect with versatility.



10. Anthony Richardson, QB, Florida

HT: 6-4 | WT: 244

Grade: 91

Richardson ran a 4.43-second 40-yard dash at the combine. He also had a 40.5-inch vertical jump and a 10-foot-9 broad jump. His arm strength is elite, as he can flick his wrist and drive the ball with ease. He's at his best throwing the deep pass, showing good trajectory and timing and flashing the ability to drop the ball into the bucket. However, his footwork is erratic, which leads to far too many off-target throws, especially in the intermediate area of the field. He also lacks touch on some shorter throws and misses too many layups. Given his limited experience, he's still understandably figuring things out in terms of reading coverages and overall decision-making. He's still learning how to identify defensive structure, how to set his protection properly and how to identify pre- and post-snap coverage looks. When he's unsure of where the pressure is coming from or where to go with the football, that's when he starts to press, and his footwork suffers. Richardson has elite speed to make defenses pay when they don't maintain gap control. He's also very strong in the pocket and as a runner, as he extends a lot of plays with his strength. Richardson is the definition of a project. His potential is tantalizing because of his elite skill set. But his game tape is extremely erratic, and he has a lot of work that needs to be done in terms of his footwork and processing skills.



11. Will Levis, QB, Kentucky

HT: 6-4 | WT: 229

Grade: 91

Levis is one of the toughest evaluations in the 2023 class because he has so many positives that translate to the NFL but has a handful of concerning traits that might make teams hesitant to go all-in on him. Outside of Anthony Richardson, he has the strongest arm of any quarterback in the class. He can flick his wrist or throw off-balance and still drive the ball vertically. He shows very good touch and trajectory on deep balls. He's also a mobile quarterback with plus vision, power and speed. Levis has played in two different pro-style systems and consistently shows the ability to go through progressions. But when pressured and contained in the pocket, he becomes very ordinary. His eyes tend to drop at times, and he fails to see late-opening receivers when the pocket is collapsing. Levis misses on too many layups and turns the ball over too frequently. He has the physical tools, intangibles and toughness to develop into a top-tier NFL starting quarterback, but he needs to develop his full-field reads and his touch on underneath throws, and he must learn to protect his body and the football.



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12. Dalton Kincaid, TE, Utah

HT: 6-4 | WT: 246

Grade: 91

Kincaid accelerates quickly, flashes the ability to make the first defender miss and picks up yards after the catch. He has the speed to threaten vertically and the frame to win 50-50 balls downfield. Kincaid is also a zone buster who settles into pockets and presents the quarterback with a big target. He's an efficient route runner who is quick and smooth transitioning out of breaks. His ability to move around the formation makes him a matchup problem.



13. Broderick Jones, OT, Georgia

HT: 6-5 | WT: 311

Grade: 91

Jones' combination of size, length and speed makes him a highly intriguing prospect who grades out as a plug-and-play starter. His 4.97 40-yard dash at the NFL combine was the fastest for the position. In pass protection, he mirrors and slides with ease and has no trouble with pure speed off the edge. As a run-blocker, he fires out quickly and has a lot of snap in his initial contact, frequently knocking defensive linemen back with his upper-body power. He also has very good range as a second-level blocker and on screens. But he needs to be more efficient with his hand placement and strengthen his lower body.



14. Paris Johnson Jr., OT, Ohio State

HT: 6-6 | WT: 313

Grade: 91

Johnson had 13 starts at guard in 2021 and 13 starts at left tackle in 2022. He has excellent size and arm length, along with average speed for his massive frame. He can play multiple positions along the offensive line and picks up new installs and concepts quickly. His footwork and hand placement really improved during his final two seasons. He also has developed very good awareness both in pass protection and as a run-blocker. Johnson sets quickly and with balance. When he lands his punch, it jars defensive linemen, and he's an easy mover when mirroring and sliding. But he's not a natural knee-bender and lets his pads rise too high at times, which can get him in trouble against quick inside counter moves and can leave him vulnerable against top-tier power rushers. From a technique standpoint, he's a two-hand puncher who needs to develop into an independent hand puncher to allow himself to counter/reset leverage more efficiently. As a run-blocker, he fires out of his stance quickly and shows good mobility as a zone blocker. He really strikes defensive linemen with his initial contact, and as long as he latches on properly with inside leverage, he keeps his legs driving and has the strength to move defenders off the line.



15. Darnell Wright, OT, Tennessee

HT: 6-5 | WT: 333

Grade: 91

Wright has a truly elite combination of height, weight and straight-line speed. He also showed exceptional lower-body explosion. But he has smaller-than-average arm length and hand span. In pass pro, his footwork and balance showed significant improvement in 2022, and he shows the ability to mirror-and-slide and keep pass-rushers in front of him when he's playing with urgency. He also rarely gives ground to power rushers. As a run-blocker, Wright is a much better gap blocker than zone blocker. He has a massive frame and excellent overall strength as a drive blocker when he latches on with balance. He fires out with good quickness and shows the ability to reach the second level and dominate linebackers once he gets into their pads. Wright projects best as a right tackle but also would have no trouble kicking inside to guard.



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16. Jaxon Smith-Njigba, WR, Ohio State

HT: 6-1 | WT: 196

Grade: 91

Smith-Njigba has a solid combination of height and bulk but lacks explosive speed and leaping ability. He has a rare feel for the game for such a young and inexperienced player, as the game is very slow for him. He can set up defensive backs in man coverage and settle into soft spots against zone looks. He's a quarterback's best friend because of his unique instincts. JSN is extremely agile with precise route-running skills. He sells his routes effectively, tempos his route stems like a pro and is very quick getting in and out of cuts. He shows soft hands and the ability to transition upfield in a flash, with the body control to contort his body and snatch balls thrown outside of his frame. He does a good job tracking the deep ball and is a natural at making difficult over-the-shoulder catches downfield. JSN is more dangerous after the catch than as a vertical route runner, showing good lateral agility to make multiple defenders miss in space.



17. Nolan Smith, OLB, Georgia

HT: 6-2 | WT: 238

Grade: 91

Smith's take-off speed and change-of-direction skills really jump off the tape. He is able to occasionally get offensive tackles off-balance with effective stop-start moves, and he has excellent closing burst to the quarterback. Smith has quick hands and flashes some snap but is still unpolished with his pass-rush moves. He frequently lacks a plan -- and simply tries to win with speed -- and does a poor job of countering once reached. Smith is a menacing run defender who explodes off the snap and creates a lot of havoc with how quickly he penetrates the backfield. He lacks size but more than makes up for it with excellent leverage and hand placement. He sets a hard edge despite his undersized frame, he has snappy hands to disengage quickly, and he shows excellent change-of-direction quickness and closing burst in pursuit.



18. Calijah Kancey, DT, Pittsburgh

HT: 6-1 | WT: 281

Grade: 91

Kancey is a disruptive run defender and explosive pass-rusher with a skill set to succeed in the NFL, even though he is light for his position and his arms are more than two inches shorter than the five-year combine average for defensive tackles. His low center of gravity and ability to shoot his hands help negate any disadvantages in length or size. He locates the ball, gets off blocks and tackles well. He chases with great effort and makes plays outside the tackle box. He can give ground initially but he rarely stays blocked, and he flashes the ability to split double teams. He has strong hands, explosive power and footspeed to get to the quarterback.



19. Lukas Van Ness, DE, Iowa

HT: 6-5 | WT: 272

Grade: 91

As a pass-rusher, Van Ness has a special combination of size, length, power and speed. The biggest thing that stands out on tape is his power, as he's able to use his long arms to get into offensive linemen's pads and drive them back to the quarterback with relative ease. He has good swipe and chop moves but will need to continue to improve his array of pass-rush moves at the next level.



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20. Michael Mayer, TE, Notre Dame

HT: 6-5 | WT: 249

Grade: 90

Mayer's best traits are his toughness and strength after the catch. He's a bulldozer with the ball in his hands, generating yards by breaking tackles and carrying defenders. Mayer doesn't threaten with great speed down the seam, but he's an excellent route runner. He's quicker and smoother than he is fast, and his ability to create separation with physicality out of his breaks is outstanding. He shows a lot of savvy when setting up defenders at the top of stem and locating soft spots in zone. His ability to win on contested catches is second to none in this year's class, and he does a very good job adjusting to the ball outside his frame. Mayer also has an edge as a blocker, and his technique really improved during his three seasons at Notre Dame. His tenacity, range and initial striking power at the point of attack are very positive traits. Mayer has a high floor and is a base Y-TE who is also capable of flexing out and running extremely precise routes.



21. Zay Flowers, WR, Boston College

HT: 5-9 | WT: 182

Grade: 90

Flowers is undersized with a slim frame and short arms, but he does a great job of releasing off the line and generating separation with his initial burst and speed (he ran a 4.42 40-yard dash). He's a highly instinctive route runner who tracks the deep ball well and has a second gear to get behind the coverage, but can continue to improve the precision of his cuts at the top of his stems. Defenses have to respect the threat of a jet sweep when he motions into the backfield, and he flashes the ability to win 50-50 balls downfield. He traps a lot of passes and drops a few too many easy catches, especially over the middle of the field. He gives solid effort as a blocker but needs to improve his strength.



22. Emmanuel Forbes, DC, Mississippi State

HT: 6-1 | WT: 166

Grade: 90

Forbes is a tall but toothpick-thin cornerback with long arms. He has excellent speed and is at his best in off-coverage, where he uses his fast eyes and great understanding of route concepts to get early jumps on the ball. And he has excellent ball skills. Forbes is instinctive, has length to contest passes and shows the ability to pluck the ball outside his frame with ease. His lack of bulk and strength show up in run support, and he is an unreliable tackler in space. And he needs to play under more control and learn to come to balance.



23. Joey Porter Jr., DC, Penn State

HT: 6-3 | WT: 193

Grade: 89

Porter is a tall, extremely long and physical press corner with very good straight-line speed for his size. He's instinctive and excels in press-man, but also shows recognition skills necessary in zone coverage. He's fast at diagnosing screens and runs, and he knows when to peel off to provide help. Porter uses excellent technique and physicality to reroute receivers off the line of scrimmage but has some tightness and tends to get handsy. He shows good playmaking instincts, but his ball skills appear to be just average. Porter is also aggressive and physical in run support but inconsistent in outside contain and tackling technique.



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24. Myles Murphy, DE, Clemson

HT: 6-5 | WT: 268

Grade: 89

Murphy is a talented edge with excellent height, very good bulk and above-average straight-line speed. He shows very good take-off quickness and does a good job using his long arms to neutralize offensive linemen. Where he needs to improve is exploiting linemen when he has them off-balance -- he doesn't show enough lateral agility or bend to work through engagement. But he has very good closing burst to the quarterback, and he gets a lot of production based on his motor. Murphy shows the strength and length to stack and shed offensive tackles defending the run. He's effective wrong-arming and spilling runs outside. He locates the ball quickly and shows very good instincts versus the run, but he leaves too many tackles on the field due to his tightness in space. Murphy's tape is a little inconsistent, but he has an impressive tool box.



25. Will McDonald IV, OLB, Iowa State

HT: 6-4 | WT: 239

Grade: 89

McDonald is a long and explosive edge rusher with good bend and closing burst. He has the foot speed to win with weave and inside moves, and he flashes an effective spin move to the inside. He doesn't gear down when he gets doubled or doesn't win with his first move, and he gets his hands up in passing windows. McDonald needs to get stronger to unlock his full potential as a pass-rusher. He's light for an edge defender and gives ground at times, but he shoots his hands, stacks blockers and rarely stays blocked. He's rangy and closes well in pursuit. McDonald's quickest path to an NFL starting lineup is at 3-4 outside linebacker, but he has the skill set to develop into a starting defensive end while making immediate contributions as a pass-rusher.



26. Deonte Banks, CB, Maryland

HT: 6-0 | WT: 197

Grade: 88

Banks is a physical corner who is at his best in press-zone coverage, has the length and strength to reroute receivers off the line (although his technique will need to improve) and shows the fluidity to flip his hips and run with anyone vertically. He has very quick feet and lateral agility for a bigger corner. Banks' ball production wasn't great at Maryland, but he has flashed good ball skills. He does get into trouble when his back is to the ball and he tries to turn and locate. Banks is the most reliable tackler at cornerback on tape this year, and he plays with an aggressive mindset and excellent motor.



27. Julius Brents, CB, Kansas State

HT: 6-3 | WT: 198 pounds

Grade: 88

Brents is a tall press-zone corner with excellent size and length. He has the balance to smother receivers underneath, and he's fluid enough to turn and run. He reads the quarterback and plays the ball, not the man. Brents is a long-strider who is faster than quick and takes some time to recover when he gets caught out of position. He's not a ball hawk but flashes the ability to pluck the ball out of the air. And he's a wrap-up tackler willing to step up in run support.



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28. Brian Branch, S, Alabama

HT: 6-0 | WT: 190 pounds

Grade: 88

Branch has average height and bulk with above-average top-end speed. He played the "star" position in Alabama's defense and is capable of playing nickel or free safety in the NFL. In coverage, he shows smooth movement skills and developed into a reliable cover safety in 2022. He's capable of matching up one-on-one with many receivers, and he shows very good balance and body control. Branch has shown above-average ball skills. Versus the run, he lacks ideal size, but he knows how to leverage the run extremely well. He plays with gap control and does a very good job of using his quick feet and hands to keep off blocks.

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30. Jahmyr Gibbs, RB, Alabama

HT: 5-foot-9 | WT: 199 pounds

Grade: 88

Gibbs does a good job of sticking his foot in the ground and accelerating upfield without losing much in transition. He's not overpowering, but he shows good balance to absorb contact and advance the carry. Gibbs shows good vision when stringing together multiple cuts through the line of scrimmage. However, he gets impatient at times and bounces too many carries to the outside. He's a reliable pass-catcher, and he can adjust to throws outside his frame and transitions upfield quickly after the catch. His technique in pass protection needs work as he tends to lunge with his shoulder and try to win with initial contact rather than facing up and anchoring. He also needs to add bulk and strength to his frame.

SC

31. Jordan Addison, WR, USC

HT: 5-11 | WT: 173

Grade: 88

Addison is a savvy and elusive route runner who separates from man and finds pockets in zone looks. He catches passes in stride, hits his top speed quickly and is instinctive after the catch. He runs hard and flashes good contact balance, and while he doesn't have elite timed speed, he plays faster on tape. Addison also tracks the deep ball well and catches over-the-shoulder passes. He's small and has some problems recovering when defensive backs get their hands on him, and he traps some passes. But Addison doesn't drop many passes, can pluck the ball out of the air and makes contested catches. He will be a dangerous slot receiver and return man with the ability to make an immediate impact in the NFL.

TCU

32. Steve Avila, G, TCU

HT: 6-4 | WT: 332 pounds

Grade: 87

Avila is a guard/center prospect with outstanding size and good length. He has good coordination and technique, especially with his hand placement and resetting at the point of attack. He has good flexibility to absorb contact and maintain a strong anchor. His footwork and angles improved in 2022 but are still areas in which he can become more consistent. He fits best in a power-heavy scheme. He has the potential to develop into a dominant run blocker.



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Quarterbacks

1. Bryce Young, Alabama
2. C.J. Stroud, Ohio State
3. Anthony Richardson, Florida
4. Will Levis, Kentucky
5. Hendon Hooker, Tennessee

Running backs

1. Bijan Robinson, Texas
2. Jahmyr Gibbs, Alabama
3. Tyjae Spears, Tulane
4. Zach Charbonnet, UCLA
5. Kendre Miller, TCU

Fullbacks/H-backs

1. Hunter Luepke, North Dakota State
2. Jack Colletto, Oregon State
3. Masen Wake, BYU

Wide receivers

1. Jaxon Smith-Njigba, Ohio State
2. Zay Flowers, Boston College
3. Jordan Addison, USC
4. Quentin Johnston, TCU
5. Jonathan Mingo, Ole Miss

Tight ends

1. Dalton Kincaid, Utah
2. Michael Mayer, Notre Dame
3. Luke Musgrave, Oregon State
4. Darnell Washington, Georgia
5. Sam LaPorta, Iowa

Offensive tackles

1. Peter Skoronski, Northwestern
2. Broderick Jones, Georgia
3. Paris Johnson Jr., Ohio State
4. Darnell Wright, Tennessee
5. Anton Harrison, Oklahoma

Guards

1. Steve Avila, TCU
2. O'Cyrus Torrence, Florida
3. Emil Ekiyor Jr., Alabama
4. Braeden Daniels, Utah
5. Chandler Zavala, NC State

Centers

1. Joe Tippmann, Wisconsin
2. John Michael Schmitz, Minnesota
3. Luke Wypler, Ohio State
4. Ricky Stromberg, Arkansas
5. Olusegun Oluwatimi, Michigan

Defensive ends

1. Tyree Wilson, Texas Tech
2. Lukas Van Ness, Iowa
3. Myles Murphy, Clemson
4. Felix Anudike-Uzomah, Kansas State
5. Keion White, Georgia Tech

Defensive tackles

1. Jalen Carter, Georgia
2. Calijah Kancey, Pittsburgh
3. Mazi Smith, Michigan
4. Bryan Bresee, Clemson
5. Keeanu Benton, Wisconsin

Inside linebackers

1. Jack Campbell, Iowa
2. Drew Sanders, Arkansas
3. Trenton Simpson, Clemson
4. Daiyan Henley, Washington State
5. Henry To'oTo'o, Alabama

Outside linebackers

1. Will Anderson Jr., Alabama
2. Nolan Smith, Georgia
3. Will McDonald IV, Iowa State
4. BJ Ojulari, LSU
5. Tavius Robinson, Ole Miss

Cornerbacks

1. Devon Witherspoon, Illinois
2. Christian Gonzalez, Oregon
3. Emmanuel Forbes, Mississippi State
4. Joey Porter Jr., Penn State
5. Deonte Banks, Maryland

Safeties

1. Brian Branch, Alabama
2. Sydney Brown, Illinois
3. Ji'Ayir Brown, Penn State
4. Jartavius Martin, Illinois
5. Jordan Battle, Alabama

Kickers

1. Jake Moody, Michigan
2. Chad Ryland, Maryland
3. Anders Carlson, Auburn

Punters

1. Bryce Baringer, Michigan State
2. Adam Korsak, Rutgers
3. Michael Turk, Oklahoma

Long Snappers

1. Alex Ward, UCF
2. Karsten Battles, Oregon
3. Matt Hembrough, Oklahoma State



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Tier 1: Two prospects

Grades of 95 or higher. Elite prospects. Should be immediate NFL starters and project as perennial All-Pro players. Worthy of a top-five pick most years. I had no players in this tier in 2022.

1. Bryce Young, QB, Alabama (95)
2. Bijan Robinson, RB, Texas (95)

Two players make this category this year, but they will likely be drafted in very different parts of Round 1. Young -- my QB1 in the class thanks to high-end poise in the pocket, ball placement and ability to create when things break down -- is in contention to be the No. 1 pick, while Robinson could get pushed down in the first round because of his position. He's the best running back prospect I've seen since Saquon Barkley came out of Penn State in 2018, but he probably won't join Barkley as a top-10 pick. Regardless, Robinson is a complete back with outstanding contact balance and should be a really good pro.

Tier 2: Seven prospects

Grades between 92 and 94. A notch below the elite class but still considered a plug-and-play NFL starter with high-level potential. Worthy of a top-15 pick most years. I had nine players in this tier in 2022.

3. C.J. Stroud, QB, Ohio State (94)
4. Will Anderson Jr., OLB, Alabama (94)
5. Jalen Carter, DT, Georgia (94)
6. Tyree Wilson, DE, Texas Tech (93)
7. Devon Witherspoon, CB, Illinois (93)
8. Peter Skoronski, OT, Northwestern (92)
9. Christian Gonzalez, CB, Oregon (92)

Stroud is another passer who could end up the No. 1 pick, but I have him just a notch below Young on my own board. And Anderson -- who has an explosive first step and quick, powerful hands -- is trending toward being the first defender (and non-QB) off the board at the end of the month. Two corners also make this group. Witherspoon has some really good instincts and burst in coverage, while Gonzalez can use his great arm length and plus speed to make plays on the ball.

Tier 3: 12 prospects

Grades between 90 and 91. Good NFL starters and are considered strong values in the bottom half of Round 1 in any given draft class. I had 14 players in this tier in 2022.

10. Anthony Richardson, QB, Florida (91)
11. Lukas Van Ness, DE, Iowa (91)
12. Nolan Smith, OLB, Georgia (91)
13. Broderick Jones, OT, Georgia (91)
14. Dalton Kincaid, TE, Utah (91)
15. Will Levis, QB, Kentucky (90)
16. Paris Johnson Jr., OT, Ohio State (90)
17. Darnell Wright, OT, Tennessee (90)
18. Joey Porter Jr., CB, Penn State (90)
19. Jaxon Smith-Njigba, WR, Ohio State (90)
20. Michael Mayer, TE, Notre Dame (90)
21. Zay Flowers, WR, Boston College (90)



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"Traits" sums up the upper part of this tier, starting with Richardson. He has the strongest arm in the class, excellent speed for a quarterback and a 6-foot-4 frame, but he needs work with his mechanics and ball placement. Van Ness plays with power and speed, and Smith has really good take-off quickness and change-of-direction ability. All three of these players have a high ceiling.

The top two receivers fall here, too. Smith-Njigba is a precise route runner, while Flowers has explosive wheels. They both have a chance to be big contributors right out of the gate in the NFL, but this class doesn't have the elite WR prospect we've seen in the past. For context, four wideouts had a higher grade in 2022 (Garrett Wilson, Drake London, Jameson Williams and Chris Olave).

Tier 4: 24 prospects

Grades between 85 and 89. Good future NFL starters. Second-round value. I had 22 players in this tier in 2022.

22. Calijah Kancey, DT, Pittsburgh (89)
23. Myles Murphy, DE, Clemson (89)
24. Will McDonald IV, DE, Iowa State (89)
25. Deonte Banks, CB, Maryland (89)
26. Quentin Johnston, WR, TCU (88)
27. Jordan Addison, WR, USC (88)
28. Jahmyr Gibbs, RB, Alabama (88)
29. Emmanuel Forbes, CB, Mississippi State (88)
30. Darnell Washington, TE, Georgia (88)
31. Felix Anudike-Uzomah, DE, Kansas State (87)
32. Keion White, OLB, Georgia Tech (87)
33. Hendon Hooker, QB, Tennessee (87)
34. O'Cyrus Torrence, OG, Florida (86)
35. Joe Tippmann, C, Wisconsin (86)
36. Jalin Hyatt, WR, Tennessee (86)
37. Brian Branch, S, Alabama (86)
38. Mazi Smith, DT, Michigan (86)
39. Anton Harrison, OT, Oklahoma (86)
40. DJ Turner, CB, Michigan (86)
41. Adetomiwa Adebawore, DE, Northwestern (85)
42. John Michael Schmitz, C, Minnesota (85)
43. Keeanu Benton, DT, Wisconsin (85)
44. Bryan Bresee, DT, Clemson (85)
45. BJ Ojulari, OLB, LSU (85)

These are second-round grades, but a few of these players will of course go on Day 1. I really like the corners right at the top of this tier. Forbes is lean but had 14 interceptions in college, and Banks' explosive traits were on display at the combine. Both could end up in Round 1. Interior linemen also start lining up here, starting with Torrence. He can control defenders with his power. I recently bumped Tippmann over Schmitz as the top center prospect, too. His range, burst and awareness pop on tape.

If you are looking for speed, two burners rank in this group. Hyatt is the top deep-ball threat in the class, while Turner ran the fastest 40-yard dash at the combine (4.26).

Tier 5: 19 prospects



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Grades between 80 and 84. Future solid-to-good NFL starters but might need to serve in substitution package/situational roles early in career. Mid- to late-second-round value. I had 21 players in this tier in 2022.

- 46. Kelee Ringo, CB, Georgia (84)
- 47. Dawand Jones, OT, Ohio State (84)
- 48. Luke Musgrave, TE, Oregon State (84)
- 49. Julius Brents, CB, Kansas State (84)
- 50. Steve Avila, OG, TCU (84)
- 51. Jack Campbell, ILB, Iowa (84)
- 52. Cody Mauch, OT, North Dakota State (83)
- 53. Cedric Tillman, WR, Tennessee (83)
- 54. Jonathan Mingo, WR, Ole Miss (82)
- 55. Sam LaPorta, TE, Iowa (82)
- 56. Drew Sanders, ILB, Arkansas (82)
- 57. Trenton Simpson, ILB, Clemson (82)
- 58. Cam Smith, CB, South Carolina (81)
- 59. Byron Young, DE, Tennessee (81)
- 60. Isaiah Foskey, DE, Notre Dame (81)
- 61. Antonio Johnson, S, Texas A&M (80)
- 62. Tuli Tuipulotu, DE, USC (80)
- 63. Brenton Strange, TE, Penn State (80)
- 64. Zach Charbonnet, RB, UCLA (80)

Here come the linebackers, with Campbell edging Sanders and Simpson. He has good size (6-foot-5, 249 pounds), awareness and wrap-up tackle ability. Speaking of size, Jones is 6-foot-8 and 374 pounds with 36 3/8-inch arm length. He's tough to get around at offensive tackle.

I want to call out a few recent risers here, too. Brents has gotten a boost during the pre-draft process with a really good Senior Bowl week and some outstanding numbers at the combine. Mingo is getting buzz as a powerful receiver with versatility. And Strange hasn't been talked about enough. The tight end class is deep, but he deserves a real look in the second round. Strange has some impressive tape.

Tier 6: 36 prospects

Grades between 70 and 79. Project as future solid starters but need time to develop, have limited upside or come with red flags. Third-round value. I had 40 players in this tier in 2022.

- 65. Josh Downs, WR, North Carolina (79)
- 66. Matthew Bergeron, OT, Syracuse (79)
- 67. Tyrique Stevenson, CB, Miami-FL (79)
- 68. Derick Hall, DE, Auburn (79)
- 69. Jaelyn Duncan, OT, Maryland (78)
- 70. Rashee Rice, WR, SMU (78)
- 71. Riley Moss, CB, Iowa (78)
- 72. Ji'Ayir Brown, S, Penn State (78)
- 73. Daiyan Henley, ILB, Washington State (78)
- 74. A.T. Perry, WR, Wake Forest (77)
- 75. Devon Achane, RB, Texas A&M (77)
- 76. Olusegun Oluwatimi, C, Michigan (77)
- 77. Siaki Ika, DT, Baylor (77)
- 78. Jayden Reed, WR, Michigan State (77)
- 79. Tucker Kraft, TE, South Dakota State (76)



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80. Sydney Brown, S, Illinois (76)
 81. Rejzohn Wright, CB, Oregon State (76)
 82. Tyler Scott, WR, Cincinnati (76)
 83. Tre'Vius Hodges-Tomlinson, CB, TCU (75)

84. Luke Wypler, C, Ohio State (75)
85. Marvin Mims, WR, Oklahoma (75)
86. Jake Haener, QB, Fresno State (74)
87. Clark Phillips III, CB, Utah (74)
88. Isaiah Mcguire, DE, Missouri (74)
89. Tavius Robinson, OLB, Ole Miss (74)
90. Tyjae Spears, RB, Tulane (74)
91. Jordan Battle, S, Alabama (73)
92. Blake Freeland, OT, BYU (73)
93. Nathaniel Dell, WR, Houston (73)
94. Dorian Williams, ILB, Tulane (72)
95. Jartavius Martin, S, Illinois (72)
96. Henry To'oTo'o, ILB, Alabama (71)
97. Ricky Stromberg, C, Arkansas (71)
98. Nick Herbig, OLB, Wisconsin (70)
99. Keondre Coburn, DT, Texas (70)
100. Daniel Scott, S, California (70)

There are some promising prospects in Tier 6. I love the tape on a few of the Senior Bowl participants, including Reed, Haener and Spears. Haener is my QB6 in the class, and I think he's a little underrated despite being undersized at 6-foot, 207 pounds. I see good anticipatory accuracy on tape, and he has excellent touch, timing and placement on short-to-intermediate throws. Reed is one of seven receivers in this group, the most for any position in any of these tiers. He plays with savviness, can quickly accelerate off the line and has some versatility.

We saw only two safeties in Tiers 1-5, and none before Tier 4. But five land here. Ji'Ayir Brown's extremely high-level instincts and recognition skills pop on tape, while Sydney Brown really excels when playing in the box and can make plays on the ball.



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NAME	POS	HT	WT	SCHOOL	GRADE	OVR RANK
Bryce Young*	QB	5'10 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	204	Alabama	95	1
Bijan Robinson*	RB	5'11"	215	Texas	95	2
C.J. Stroud*	QB	6'3"	214	Ohio State	94	3
Will Anderson Jr.*	OLB	6'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	253	Alabama	94	4
Jalen Carter*	DT	6'3"	314	Georgia	94	5
Tyree Wilson	DE	6'5 $\frac{5}{8}$ "	271	Texas Tech	93	6
Devon Witherspoon*	CB	5'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	181	Illinois	93	7
Christian Gonzalez*	CB	6'1 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	197	Oregon	92	8
Peter Skoronski*	OT	6'4"	313	Northwestern	92	9
Anthony Richardson*	QB	6'4 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	244	Florida	91	10
Will Levis	QB	6'3 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	229	Kentucky	91	11
Dalton Kincaid	TE	6'3 $\frac{5}{8}$ "	246	Utah	91	12
Broderick Jones*	OT	6'5 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	311	Georgia	91	13
Paris Johnson Jr.*	OT	6'6 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	313	Ohio State	91	14
Darnell Wright	OT	6'5 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	333	Tennessee	91	15
Jaxon Smith-Njigba*	WR	6'0 $\frac{5}{8}$ "	196	Ohio State	91	16
Nolan Smith	OLB	6'2 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	238	Georgia	91	17
Calijah Kancey*	DT	6'1"	281	Pittsburgh	91	18
Lukas Van Ness*	DE	6'5"	272	Iowa	91	19
Michael Mayer*	TE	6'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	249	Notre Dame	90	20
Zay Flowers	WR	5'9 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	182	Boston College	90	21
Emmanuel Forbes*	CB	6'0 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	166	Mississippi State	90	22
Joey Porter Jr.*	CB	6'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	193	Penn State	89	23
Myles Murphy*	DE	6'4 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	268	Clemson	89	24
Will McDonald IV	OLB	6'4"	239	Iowa State	89	25
Deonte Banks*	CB	6'0 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	197	Maryland	88	26
Julius Brents	CB	6'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	198	Kansas State	88	27
Brian Branch*	S	5'11 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	190	Alabama	88	28
Jahmyr Gibbs*	RB	5'9 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	199	Alabama	88	29
Jordan Addison*	WR	5'11 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	173	USC	88	30



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Steve Avila	OG	6'3½"	332	TCU	87	31
Quentin Johnston*	WR	6'2¾"	208	TCU	87	32
Felix Anudike-Uzomah*	DE	6'3⅝"	255	Kansas State	87	33
DJ Turner	CB	5'11¼"	178	Michigan	87	34
Keion White	DE	6'4⅞"	285	Georgia Tech	87	35
Mazi Smith	DT	6'3"	323	Michigan	86	36
Anton Harrison*	OT	6'4⅜"	315	Oklahoma	86	37
Luke Musgrave*	TE	6'5⅞"	253	Oregon State	86	38
Tyrique Stevenson*	CB	6'0⅜"	198	Miami	86	39
Darnell Washington*	TE	6'6⅝"	264	Georgia	86	40
Joe Tippmann*	C	6'6"	313	Wisconsin	86	41
O'Cyrus Torrence*	OG	6'5⅜"	330	Florida	86	42
Bryan Bresee*	DT	6'5½"	298	Clemson	85	43
Jonathan Mingo	WR	6'1¾"	220	Ole Miss	85	44
Keeanu Benton	DT	6'3¾"	309	Wisconsin	85	45
Hendon Hooker	QB	6'3¼"	217	Tennessee	85	46
John Michael Schmitz	C	6'3½"	301	Minnesota	85	47
Kelee Ringo*	CB	6'1¾"	207	Georgia	84	48
Jack Campbell	ILB	6'4⅝"	249	Iowa	84	49
Dawand Jones	OT	6'8¼"	374	Ohio State	84	50
Adetomiwa Adebawore	DE	6'1⅝"	282	Northwestern	83	51
Cody Mauch	OT	6'5"	302	North Dakota State	83	52
Jayden Reed	WR	5'10⅞"	187	Michigan State	83	53
Jalin Hyatt*	WR	6'0⅞"	176	Tennessee	82	54
BJ Ojulari*	OLB	6'2⅜"	248	LSU	82	55
Cedric Tillman	WR	6'3⅜"	213	Tennessee	82	56
Sam LaPorta	TE	6'3¼"	245	Iowa	81	57
Drew Sanders*	ILB	6'4⅜"	235	Arkansas	81	58
Cam Smith*	CB	6'0¾"	180	South Carolina	81	59
Trenton Simpson*	ILB	6'2⅜"	235	Clemson	80	60



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Brenton Strange*	TE	6'3 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	253	Penn State	80	61
Riley Moss	CB	6'0 $\frac{5}{8}$ "	193	Iowa	79	62
Derick Hall	DE	6'2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	254	Auburn	79	63
Sydney Brown	S	5'9 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	211	Illinois	79	64
Matthew Bergeron*	OT	6'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	318	Syracuse	79	65
Tyjae Spears*	RB	5'9 $\frac{5}{8}$ "	201	Tulane	79	66
Michael Wilson	WR	6'1 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	213	Stanford	79	67
Zacch Pickens	DT	6'3 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	291	South Carolina	79	68
Ji'Ayir Brown	S	5'11 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	203	Penn State	78	69
Isaiah Foskey*	DE	6'5 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	264	Notre Dame	78	70
Marvin Mims*	WR	5'10 $\frac{7}{8}$ "	183	Oklahoma	78	71
Blake Freeland*	OT	6'7 $\frac{7}{8}$ "	302	BYU	78	72
Gervon Dexter*	DT	6'5 $\frac{5}{8}$ "	310	Florida	78	73
Daiyan Henley	ILB	6'0 $\frac{7}{8}$ "	225	Washington State	78	74
Zach Charbonnet	RB	6'0 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	214	UCLA	78	75
Josh Downs*	WR	5'8 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	171	North Carolina	77	76
Tucker Kraft*	TE	6'4 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	254	South Dakota State	77	77
Rashee Rice	WR	6'0 $\frac{5}{8}$ "	204	SMU	77	78
Byron Young	DE	6'2 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	250	Tennessee	76	79
Tyler Steen	OT	6'6"	321	Alabama	76	80
Tre'Vius Hodges-Tomlinson	CB	5'7 $\frac{5}{8}$ "	178	TCU	76	81
Zach Harrison	DE	6'5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	274	Ohio State	75	82
Henry To'oTo'o	ILB	6'1"	227	Alabama	75	83
Luke Schoonmaker	TE	6'5 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	251	Michigan	75	84
Jartavius Martin	S	5'11"	194	Illinois	75	85
Tyler Scott*	WR	5'9 $\frac{7}{8}$ "	177	Cincinnati	75	86
Kendre Miller*	RB	5'11 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	215	TCU	74	87
A.T. Perry*	WR	6'3 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	198	Wake Forest	74	88
Luke Wypler*	C	6'2 $\frac{5}{8}$ "	303	Ohio State	74	89
Siaki Ika*	DT	6'2 $\frac{7}{8}$ "	335	Baylor	74	90



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Tavius Robinson	OLB	6'6 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	257	Ole Miss	74	91
Jaelyn Duncan	OT	6'5 $\frac{5}{8}$ "	306	Maryland	74	92
Jaquelin Roy*	DT	6'3 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	305	LSU	73	93
Clark Phillips III*	CB	5'9"	184	Utah	73	94
Roschon Johnson	RB	6'0 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	219	Texas	72	95
Jordan Battle	S	6'1"	209	Alabama	72	96
Cory Trice	CB	6'3 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	206	Purdue	72	97
Antonio Johnson*	S	6'1 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	198	Texas A&M	72	98
Tuli Tuipulotu*	DE	6'3"	266	USC	71	99
Devon Achane*	RB	5'8 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	188	Texas A&M	71	100
Darius Rush	CB	6'1 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	198	South Carolina	70	101
YaYa Diaby	DE	6'3 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	263	Louisville	70	102
Zack Kuntz*	TE	6'7 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	255	Old Dominion	70	103
Ricky Stromberg	C	6'3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	306	Arkansas	70	104
Tank Bigsby*	RB	5'11 $\frac{5}{8}$ "	210	Auburn	69	105
Nathaniel Dell*	WR	5'8 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	165	Houston	69	106
DeWayne McBride*	RB	5'10 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	209	UAB	69	107
Yasir Abdullah	OLB	6'0 $\frac{5}{8}$ "	237	Louisville	69	108
JL Skinner	S	6'3 $\frac{3}{4}$ "	209	Boise State	69	109
Olusegun Oluwatimi	C	6'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	309	Michigan	69	110
Nick Herbig*	OLB	6'2 $\frac{1}{8}$ "	240	Wisconsin	69	111
Emil Ekiyor Jr.	OG	6'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	314	Alabama	69	112
Jake Haener	QB	5'11 $\frac{5}{8}$ "	207	Fresno State	69	113
Isaiah Mcguire	DE	6'4 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	268	Missouri	69	114
Terell Smith	CB	6'0 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	204	Minnesota	69	115
Garrett Williams*	CB	5'10 $\frac{3}{8}$ "	192	Syracuse	68	116
Keondre Coburn	DT	6'1 $\frac{5}{8}$ "	332	Texas	68	117
Dorian Williams	ILB	6'1"	228	Tulane	68	118
Braeden Daniels*	OG	6'3 $\frac{5}{8}$ "	294	Utah	68	119
Dorian Thompson-Robinson	QB	6'1 $\frac{5}{8}$ "	203	UCLA	68	120



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NAME	POS	HT	WT	SCHOOL	GRADE	OVR RANK
Eric Gray	RB	5'9½"	207	Oklahoma	68	121
Elijah Higgins	WR	6'3"	235	Stanford	68	122
Rejzohn Wright	CB	6'1⅝"	193	Oregon State	67	123
Dylan Horton	DE	6'4"	257	TCU	67	124
Daniel Scott	S	6'0⅞"	208	California	67	125
Chandler Zavala	OG		0	NC State	67	126
Charlie Jones	WR	5'11⅜"	175	Purdue	67	127
Kei'Trel Clark*	CB	5'10¼"	181	Louisville	66	128
Christopher Smith	S	5'10⅝"	192	Georgia	66	129
Chase Brown*	RB	5'9½"	209	Illinois	66	130
Anthony Johnson Jr.	S	5'11⅝"	205	Iowa State	65	131
Israel Abanikanda*	RB	5'10⅞"	216	Pittsburgh	65	132
Kyu Blu Kelly	CB	6'0¼"	191	Stanford	64	133
Asim Richards	OG	6'4¼"	309	North Carolina	64	134
DeMarvion Overshown	ILB	6'2⅝"	229	Texas	63	135
Colby Wooden*	DT	6'4"	273	Auburn	62	136
Marte Mapu	ILB		0	Sacramento State	62	137
Nick Broeker	OG	6'4⅜"	305	Ole Miss	62	138
Zach Evans*	RB	5'11⅝"	202	Ole Miss	62	139
Andrei Iosivas	WR	6'3⅜"	205	Princeton	62	140
Moro Ojomo	DE	6'2⅝"	292	Texas	61	141
Jay Ward	S	6'0¾"	188	LSU	61	142
Scott Matlock	DT		0	Boise State	61	143
Juice Scruggs	OG	6'3¼"	301	Penn State	61	144
Nick Hampton*	OLB	6'2¼"	236	Appalachian State	61	145
Xavier Hutchinson	WR	6'1⅞"	203	Iowa State	61	146
Lonnie Phelps*	OLB	6'2⅜"	244	Kansas	60	147
Wanya Morris	OT	6'5⅜"	307	Oklahoma	60	148
Jaren Hall*	QB	6'0⅞"	207	BYU	60	149
Will Mallory	TE	6'4½"	239	Miami	60	150



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Grading Scale

90-100 Rare Prospect

Player demonstrates rare abilities and can create mismatches that have an obvious impact on the game. Is a premier college player that has all the skill to take over a game and play at a championship level. He rates in the top 5 players in the nation at his position and is considered a first round draft prospect.

80-89 Outstanding Prospect

Player has abilities to create mismatches versus most opponents in the NFL. A feature player that has an impact on the outcome of the game. Cannot be shut down by a single player and plays on a consistent level week in and week out. He rates in the top 10 at his position and is considered a second round draft prospect.

70-79 Solid Prospect

Still a standout player at the college level that is close to being an elite player. He has no glaring weaknesses and will usually win his individual matchups, but does not dominate in every game, especially when matched up against the top players in the country. He will usually rate in the top third of players at his position and is considered a third round draft prospect.

60-69 Good Prospect

This player is an good starter that will give a solid effort week in and week out, but he is overmatched versus the better players in the nation. His weaknesses will be exposed against top competition. He is usually a prospect that is missing something from his game. For example, he has the size and skills to be an outstanding prospect, but lacks the speed. He will usually rate in the top half of the players at his position and is considered a middle round draft choice.

50-59 Adequate Prospect

These are usually players that play at a high level in college, but lack some measurables or skills to play at that same level in the NFL. He may be a player that has a lot of developmental qualities, or could be a player that will contribute right away on special teams or in a situational capacity. He will usually rate in the second-third at his position and is considered a fifth round draft choice.

21-49 Borderline Draft Prospect

These are players that teams like something about, but certainly do not have the full package in terms of NFL talent. A lot of times, teams will take chances on character players or developmental type athletes with this grade. And often, these are players that come from smaller schools or did not standout at the college level. NFL teams are looking for 'diamonds in the rough' with this type of prospect. He will usually rate in the bottom third of players at his position and will be considered a late round draft choice or un-drafted free agent.

20 Free Agent Prospect

These are players that did not make our original 'evaluation list' but are prospects that need to be monitored. Especially in the pre-season, these players will fluctuate up and down depending on performance in their final year of eligibility.

10 Not a legitimate Prospect

These are players that lack NFL measurables and/or skills. They are players that we feel would not even make a solid contribution as a training camp body.



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1. Bryce Young

Alabama • QB • Junior

Young was an ultra-productive passer for Alabama. The 2021 Heisman Trophy winner has quick feet in his setup and effectively marries his eyes and feet. He remains on balance and delivers the ball accurately to all three levels. He is quick to work through progressions and throws with excellent anticipation. When he has room to step up in the pocket, he can forcefully drive the ball. When his foot space is limited, though, his ball lacks life at times. He can avoid free rushers and extend plays, always keeping his eyes up to capitalize down the field with his arm. He will take the free yards with his legs when necessary, but he's never in run-first mode. His lack of height isn't a major issue, but his narrow frame raises concerns about his durability at the next level. If Young can maintain his health, he should quickly emerge as a quality starting quarterback in the NFL.

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2. Will Anderson Jr.

Alabama • Edge • Junior

Anderson is a long, athletic edge rusher with excellent power and production. Against the pass, he is at his best when he's wide on the edge and has a runway. He can win with his suddenness/speed or transfer that speed into power and run through offensive tackles. He also has a good feel for an up-and-under move when the OT oversets to the outside. He does need to work on escaping when he doesn't win early in the down, as he gets stuck at times. Against the run, he uses his length to stack blocks and make his way to the ball. He has the speed to chase and make plays from the back side. Overall, Anderson isn't a super loose/bendy edge rusher, but his combination of speed, power and instincts should translate into double-digit sacks at the next level.



3. Bijan Robinson

Texas • RB • Junior

Robinson is a three-down back with excellent size, vision and burst. On inside runs, he is aggressive to press the hole before lowering his pads and exploding through contact. He has the lateral quickness to make defenders miss in tight quarters. On outside runs, he has the speed to capture the corner and is very loose and elusive out in space. In the passing game, he is a fluid route runner out of the backfield, boasting excellent hands. He can contort and adjust to poorly thrown balls. He does need to improve his recognition and technique in pass pro, though; he is late to step up and his anchor gets challenged too often. Overall, Robinson has all of the tools to quickly emerge as a top-tier RB in the NFL.



4. Tyree Wilson

Texas Tech • Edge • Senior (RS)

Wilson is a tall, long edge rusher with excellent explosiveness. Against the pass, he's quick off the ball and uses his length to get into the chest of opposing tackles. He can generate power or use a swooping arm-over to get to the quarterback. If blockers shoot their hands too early, he is very aware and swipes them away to free himself. Once he clears the blocker, he closes in a hurry. Against the run, he can extend his arms and set a firm edge. There are a few occasions where he plays too high and gets washed down the line by angle blocks. His effort is excellent. Overall, Wilson is still improving, but he has all of the tools to develop into a Pro Bowl edge rusher.



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5. Devon Witherspoon

Illinois • CB • Senior

Witherspoon is a lean, rangy cornerback with outstanding quickness, instincts and ball skills. He is at his best in off coverage, where he is quick to read and drive on the ball. He is a very twitchy athlete and has the utmost trust in his eyes. He is extremely fluid to open up and mirror down the field, possessing enough speed to carry vertical routes. He plays with an attitude and plenty of energy. He is aggressive as a tackler (see: his huge hit vs. Indiana), but will have some fly-by misses. Overall, with his build and ball skills, Witherspoon reminds me of Samari Rolle. I see similar success in his future.



6. Jalen Carter

Georgia • DT • Junior

NFL teams that are considering spending a pick on Carter will need to examine his off-field issues following his March 1 arrest on reckless driving and racing charges. On the field, Carter is a difference maker and must be accounted for on every snap. He has the versatility to line up at any position along the defensive front. Against the pass, he has an explosive first step and understands how to work through the edges of blockers. He jars opponents with his initial strike before clearing his hips and closing in on the quarterback. He has the change-of-direction ability of a player 40-to-50 pounds lighter. He can use pure power to run through single blocks and possesses the quickness to split double teams. Against the run, he is firm and strong at the point of attack and has the range to make plays on the perimeter.



7. C.J. Stroud

Ohio State • QB • Sophomore (RS)

Stroud is a pure, natural thrower with outstanding production. He has the desired size, arm strength and decision making for the position. He isn't a dynamic athlete in his setup, but he always throws off a firm/strong platform. He has a smooth delivery and throws a beautiful, tight ball. He can layer the ball over linebackers and under safeties. He puts a nice loft on deep balls, making life easy on his pass catchers. His biggest issues arise when he has to move/reset and deliver the ball, as this causes his accuracy to suffer. (The impressive College Football Playoff performance against Georgia is the notable exception in this department.) He is a build-up-speed runner when lanes open up for him to take off. Overall, Stroud is definitely more of a shooter than a scorer. He will have success, provided the pieces are in place in front of him and on the perimeter.



8. Peter Skoronski

Northwestern • OT • Junior

Skoronski is a steady, reliable tackle prospect. He has the desired height and bulk for the position, but lacks ideal length. In the passing game, he is quick out of his stance and has the ability to kick out and cover up speed rushers on the edge. He plays with knee bend and balance to redirect and stay square versus counter moves. He gives ground initially against power rushers before resettling and anchoring down. In the run game, he plays with leverage and uses a strong inside arm to uproot and displace defenders. He is quick to the second level to wall off linebackers. His overall awareness is excellent. Skoronski isn't on the same level as his former teammate, Rashawn Slater, but he'll be very consistent and stable as a starting OT.



9. Dalton Kincaid

Utah • TE • Senior

Kincaid is a highly productive tight end with exceptional quickness, route polish and run-after-catch ability. At Utah, he typically lined up flexed in the slot. He is explosive in his release and is a smooth/fluid route runner. He gets up on the toes of defenders before snapping off his route and creating separation. He attacks the ball with his hands and can hold on after taking hard contact. After the catch, he has the burst, wiggle and strength to break tackles. In the run game, he is more of a shield-off blocker than a physical people-mover. Overall, Kincaid is a more explosive version of Zach Ertz coming out of college.



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10. Christian Gonzalez

Oregon · CB · Junior

Gonzalez is a tall and fluid cornerback with excellent ball skills. He is physical in press coverage, but can easily flip his hips and stay in position down the field. He does a nice job finding and playing the ball when his back is to the quarterback. He has excellent hands to attack and take the ball away. In off coverage, he isn't super twitchy on his plant-and-drive; he's more of a smooth mover than a dynamic/explosive closer. He is a very willing and physical tackler against the run. Overall, Gonzalez gave up some plays early in the 2022 campaign, but he improved throughout the year and should be a quality Day 1 starting cornerback.



11. Anthony Richardson

Florida · QB · Sophomore (RS)

Richardson packs elite arm strength and athleticism into a big/physical frame for the position, but he is incredibly raw on tape. He has urgency and explosiveness in his setup, and the ball jumps out of his hand from his three-quarters arm slot. His arm strength is special; he doesn't even need to engage his lower body to make power throws deep down the field. On the flip side, his decision making and accuracy are a roller-coaster ride. He yanks his arm at times, leading to some ugly misfires. He forces too many balls into crowded areas, too. He is electric as a runner, using his burst, agility and power to rack up runs of 60-to-80 yards. In summary, Richardson needs polish, but his upside exceeds everyone in the draft class. He's a low-floor/high-ceiling prospect.



12. Will Levis

Kentucky · QB · Senior (RS)

Levis is an inconsistent player on tape, but he possesses ideal size, arm strength and athleticism. He is a power thrower, capable of fitting the ball into tight windows at the second and third levels. However, he needs to get more consistent underneath. He has bad misses, especially when throwing to the left. He tends to close off his front side, which severely impacts his ball placement. I admire his toughness to stand firm in the pocket, but his lack of awareness leads to him taking some monster hits, spawning ball-security issues. He moved around much better in 2021, showing quickness and power as a runner. This past fall, due to his own injuries and a lesser supporting cast, he wasn't as effective. Overall, Levis is gifted, but has some bad habits he needs to clean up in order to be a reliable NFL starter.



13. Nolan Smith

Georgia · Edge · Senior

Smith is an undersized edge rusher with elite change of direction and burst. As a pass rusher, he has a dynamic get-off from a two-point stance, and his ability to bend and close at the top of his rush is special. He is a very loose and twitched-up athlete. When he gets upfield, he can put his outside foot in the ground and explode back inside to defeat blocks. Against the run, he's at his best when he uses his quickness to slip blocks and penetrate. His lack of bulk shows up at times, as he'll get uprooted. He missed a big chunk of the 2022 season due to injury. Overall, Smith has a lot of similar traits to Haason Reddick, and I believe he'll be utilized in the same way at the next level.



14. Lukas Van Ness

Iowa · Edge · Sophomore (RS)

Van Ness is a powerful defensive lineman with the versatility to stand up on the edge or slide inside and play over the guard. He is excellent at collapsing the pocket with his bull rush, getting his hands inside and driving opponents back with ease. He flashes a chop move and a rip move, but needs to develop a more diverse repertoire. Against the run, he has very strong hands to stack blocks on the front side and his effort/speed combination helps him make plays from the back side. For some reason, he didn't start at Iowa. That doesn't make any sense. Overall, Van Ness has ideal traits, and his best football is ahead of him.



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15. Jordan Addison

USC • WR • Junior

Addison has average height and a narrow frame for the position. He lines up outside and in the slot. He is a very smooth, polished route runner, routinely changing tempo and efficiently getting in/out of the break point. He has excellent play speed and can find another gear when the ball is in the air. He has natural hands and doesn't need to gather himself before catching the ball on crossers. He can high point the ball when working back to the QB, but has to get stronger on 50/50 balls. After the catch, he has excellent burst and wiggle. Overall, Addison should become a high-volume pass catcher very early in his pro career.



16. Paris Johnson Jr.

Ohio State • OT • Junior

Johnson has ideal size, length and quickness for the position. In the pass game, he possesses quick feet out of his stance, and when he lands his punch, he can steer and control. He isn't a natural knee-bender and plays too high at times. When that happens, he struggles versus power rushers and gets walked back to the quarterback. He also has been susceptible to inside counter moves, but has enough athleticism to quickly recover and redirect. He is very aware versus twists and stunts. In the run game, he has strong hands to latch on and runs his feet on contact to create movement. He flashes a nasty streak to finish to the ground. Overall, Johnson needs to play with better leverage in pass pro, but he has the ideal frame and temperament to eventually develop into a solid left tackle.



17. Jaxon Smith-Njigba

Ohio State • WR • Junior

Smith-Njigba primarily lined up in the slot for the Buckeyes, but he did get some work on the outside. He has a compact build with a strong lower body. Smith-Njigba was very productive playing alongside Garrett Wilson and Chris Olave for Ohio State in 2021, but he missed all but three games in 2022 due to injury. He doesn't have ideal top speed, but he gets to his full speed very quickly. He is very polished as a route runner, leaning on defenders and quickly getting in and out of breaks. He has strong hands and thrives in the middle of the field, as he can pluck the ball while absorbing contact. He has some power and wiggle after the catch, but lacks a second gear. Overall, Smith-Njigba reminds me of Amon-Ra St. Brown, and I believe he'll make a similar impact in the NFL.



18. Darnell Wright

Tennessee • OT • Senior

Wright is a massive right tackle prospect. He lacks ideal foot quickness in pass protection, but does a nice job of staying square and staying patient. Defenders get into his chest, but he's able to absorb and stop their charge because he has so much mass and power. He is late with his punch, but once he latches on, the play is over. He more than held his own against Alabama's Will Anderson Jr. In the run game, he leans on his opponent and creates movement despite playing too high. He has success at the second level when he can stay on one track. He struggles to redirect in space, though. Overall, Wright isn't a special athlete, but his blend of size and power gives him a chance to be a stable starting right tackle at the next level.



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19. Broderick Jones

Georgia • OT • Sophomore (RS)

Jones is a thick, muscular left tackle with ideal length and power. In pass pro, he operates out of a square stance. He is aggressive to close the space in his pass set, getting his hands on defenders early in the down. He gets beat upfield on occasion, but uses his length and quickness to recover. He has shown the ability to sink his weight, bend his knees and play with balance. In the run game, he takes excellent angles working up to the second level, and his foot speed jumps off the film when he's used as a puller. He does have trouble adjusting in space because he's too aggressive. He has the upper power to turn and torque defenders over his face at the point of attack. Overall, Jones got better every week. I feel like his best football is ahead of him.



20. Michael Mayer

Notre Dame • TE • Junior

Mayer is a physical tight end with strong hands and value in the run game. He lines up in-line, on the wing or flexed in the slot. He isn't a sudden mover, but he understands how to set up defenders and utilizes his big frame to box out down the field. He's excellent when making catches in congested areas. After the catch, he has the strength to drag tacklers for extra yards. He is a very dependable run blocker, as well. He latches on and runs his feet to create movement. Overall, Mayer doesn't have elite athleticism, but he's a complete tight end who will be ready to contribute right away.



21. Myles Murphy

Clemson • Edge • Junior

Murphy is a tall, high-cut edge rusher with long arms. At Clemson, he split his time between standing up on the edge and aligning in a four-point stance. He offers an explosive first step and likes to use his inside arm to initially jolt offensive tackles before separating and closing on the quarterback. He does stall out too often with his pure bull rush. He is stout at the point of attack in the run game, but needs to become a more consistent tackler. I love his motor and nonstop effort to chase plays from the back side. Overall, Murphy is ready to start right away and can provide value on all three downs.



22. Zay Flowers

Boston College • WR • Senior

Flowers is an undersized wideout with outstanding quickness, ball skills and production. He took the majority of his reps outside but he's also very productive in the slot. He is extremely quick in his release and at the top of his routes. He doesn't waste any steps or movement. He does everything full speed. He has a very good feel working in zones. He has strong hands to extend for the ball or reach back and pluck it off his back hip. He tracks the deep ball with ease. He is outstanding on jet sweeps because of his quickness and make-you-miss ability. Overall, Flowers' only flaw is his lack of size and bulk. He reminds me of T.Y. Hilton.



23. Joey Porter Jr.

Penn State • CB • Junior (RS)

Porter Jr. has elite size, length and speed for the position. He is at his best in press coverage, where he can use his rare arm length to re-route wideouts. He is fluid when he opens up, but it's more build-up speed than urgent/sudden quickness. In off coverage, he trusts his eyes and closes the distance with his long stride. He has a great feel for working around pass catchers to poke the ball away. He didn't record any interceptions this past fall, but according to PFF, he only gave up one play of 15-plus yards. He is a reliable wrap/drag tackler in space. He doesn't play with the same ferocity as his famous father, but he's plenty tough enough for the position he plays. Overall, Porter should be a Day 1 starter capable of matching up with the bigger wideouts around the league.



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24. Deonte Banks

Maryland • CB • Junior (RS)

Banks has excellent height, bulk and length for the position. He is very physical in press coverage, routinely staggering and re-routing wide receivers. He has average change-of-direction skills when he has to flip and open up. He does a nice job of staying on top versus go balls and he can locate the ball in the air. In off coverage, he is a little high in his pedal and wastes steps in his plant-and-drive. To see his competitiveness, watch his blocked PAT against Ohio State that was returned for a two-point conversion. He doesn't take plays off. He is a physical and reliable tackler in space. Overall, Banks doesn't have ideal fluidity, but he's tough and possesses ball skills.



25. Will McDonald IV

Iowa State • Edge • Senior (RS)

McDonald is an undersized edge rusher with excellent bend and closing ability. He played defensive end in Iowa State's three-man front, often aligning on the inside shoulder of the offensive tackle. This isn't ideal for someone with his size/skill set. When he's loosened up on the edge, he is more natural and disruptive. He has an explosive first step and uses his hands to control the wrists of blockers before dipping and ripping around their outside shoulder. He is very fluid. He flashes some power, but his game is more speed-based. Against the run, he presses out blocks and plays bigger than his size. Overall, McDonald needs to add weight, but he has the tools to be a disruptive pass rusher at the next level.



26. Calijah Kancey

Pittsburgh • DT • Junior (RS)

Kancey is a short, compact DT with rare twitch and explosion. He is at his best against the pass. He rockets out of his stance and wins early in the down with quick hands, leverage and a burst to close. He is very sudden to change direction and cross the face of blockers. However, if he doesn't win early, he struggles to free himself and gets stuck. In the run game, he relies on quickness to shoot gaps and disrupt. His lack of size (6-0, 280) shows up on occasion, with him getting washed right down the line. Overall, I wish he was bigger, but he's a very dynamic and disruptive presence along the interior.



27. Emmanuel Forbes

Mississippi State • CB • Junior

Forbes is a rail-thin cornerback with outstanding instincts and ball skills. He is at his best in off coverage, where he utilizes his unique route awareness to drive and make plays on the ball. He collected three pick-sixes this past fall. He doesn't have any wasted movement and is always under control. In man coverage, he can press and mirror underneath while possessing enough speed to carry vertical routes. He does an outstanding job of playing the pocket at the catch point and poking the ball away downfield. He needs to improve his tackling, though, as he has too many fly-by misses. Overall, Forbes' weight will be scrutinized, but his tape is outstanding.



28. Keion White

Georgia Tech • Edge • Senior (RS)

White is a twitched-up edge rusher with a defensive tackle frame. Against the pass, he has an explosive first step and can really bend at the top of his rush. He can convert speed to power and refuses to stay blocked. He never stops working to free himself and he can stack one move after another. He is a freaky athlete in coverage. On tape, you can see him peel off and mirror running backs 30 yards down the field. He also showed off his effort and motor by running more than 80 yards to look for a block on a Georgia Tech fumble return vs. Florida State. Against the run, he is violent with his hands to shock and shed blocks. He has a huge burst to close from the back side.



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29. Jahmyr Gibbs

Alabama • RB • Junior

Gibbs has average size, but he offers outstanding burst and versatility. As a runner, he excels when he can get to the perimeter, either from the backfield or from the slot on jet sweeps. He explodes to the edge. Gibbs can set up blocks in space and rely on a nasty stiff-arm. On inside runs, he needs daylight. He lacks the lower-body power to push the pile. He has good vision and he's decisive. He is a weapon in the passing game, as he can run wide receiver routes and he easily catches the ball. In pass pro, he attacks linebackers, closing down their runway and stopping their charge. He is very aware. Overall, Gibbs isn't quite as strong as Alvin Kamara, but the rest of his game is almost identical to that of the Saints' star running back.

TCU

30. Quentin Johnston

TCU • WR • Junior

Johnston has exceptional size, speed and production. He uses a variety of releases to defeat press coverage and gains ground in a hurry with his long, powerful stride. The TCU offense featured him on a lot of crossing routes and deep balls over the top. He amassed a large collection of explosive plays. Drops are his biggest issue. He doesn't trust his hands, leading to way too many balls bouncing off his body and onto the turf. After the catch, he reminds me of Mike Williams with his long stride and power to break tackles. Overall, Johnston has ideal size and speed, but he needs to become a more reliable finisher with his hands.

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31. Brian Branch

Alabama • DB • Junior

Branch was a playmaking slot cornerback for the Tide. He is outstanding against the run, quick to key and fill for tackles. He can use his quickness to slip blocks and make plays on the other side of the line of scrimmage, as well. He is also an outstanding blitzing, showing timing and burst to generate pressure. He is fluid in coverage and consistently stays in phase with his man. There are times when he gets out-muscled at the catch point, but he's rarely out of position. He has taken some reps on the outside, but doesn't look as comfortable there. He's just better in the middle of the action. He is excellent on special teams, collecting tackles on kick coverage and possessing the ability to return punts if needed (see: his return TD vs. Louisiana-Monroe). Overall, Branch is an immediate starter at nickel and provides value on all four downs.



32. Felix Anudike-Uzomah

Kansas State • Edge • Junior

Anudike-Uzomah has been a highly productive pass rusher for Kansas State. He has average size and speed for the position, but he's a skilled pass rusher. He had to play in a lot of tight alignments in K-State's three-down-linemen scheme. This forced him to play run-to-pass on early downs. He lacks the ideal size to battle inside against much bigger opponents and double teams, but he hangs in there and battles. When he got to play outside for the Wildcats, he displayed a variety of ways to generate pressure. He has a violent slap/rip move, a nifty spin and a quick hand-swipe maneuver. He is also effective as a looper. To see his full potential, watch the 2021 game against TCU, when he collected four sacks and harassed Max Duggan the entire game.



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33. Darnell Washington

Georgia • TE • Junior

A traditional in-line tight end, Washington is a massive physical specimen with outstanding play strength and toughness. He can power through press coverage with upper-body strength. He uses his long stride to build speed down the seam and provides an enormous target for his QB. He is a little clunky getting out of breaks, which limits his separation. However, it doesn't really matter because he can use his big body to shield off defenders. He has some "wow" contested catches where opponents just bounce off his frame. After the catch, he is shockingly fast and nimble (see: the hurdle vs. Oregon). He is a dominant run blocker, as he latches onto and displaces defensive ends with ease. Overall, Washington has tremendous value because he functions as a sixth offensive lineman in the run game and he's a moving billboard in the passing game.



34. Joe Tippmann

Wisconsin • IOL • Junior (RS)

Tippman is a tall, athletic center. He is quick out of his stance in pass protection, flashing the ability to sink and anchor versus power. There are times when he sets too high and will give ground before recovering. He is very aware and redirects easily. In the run game, his athleticism is on display when pulling and working up to the second level. He has the upper torque to turn and dump defenders lined up over his nose. Overall, Tippman is the rare tall center capable of playing with leverage and balance.



35. BJ Ojulari

LSU • Edge • Junior

Ojulari is a polished pass rusher with the athleticism to contribute in multiple ways. Against the pass, he has a quick first step and a combination of maneuvers. He wins with a quick-swipe technique, a dip-and-bend move or a nifty hesitation rush. He can really bend and wrap to the quarterback once he clears the offensive tackle. He doesn't possess a lot of power, so when he rushes through the numbers of the OT, he often stalls out. He needs to stay on the edges and work half a man. He is fluid in coverage when asked to drop. Against the run, he relies on quickness to swim and work around blocks. Overall, Ojulari has a similar skill set to that of Uchenna Nwosu.



36. Bryan Bresee

Clemson • DT • Sophomore (RS)

Bresee has ideal height and bulk for the position. He moved up and down the line of scrimmage in Clemson's scheme. Against the pass, he generates pressures on slants and is an effective looper in pass-rush games. He has some shock in his hands, but stalls out too often once he's engaged. He has some hip and ankle tightness. Against the run, he shows block awareness and utilizes his quick hands to keep blockers off his chest. He looked gassed at times this past season, which was likely the result of high snap counts while still recovering from injury. Overall, Bresee flashes on tape, but he needs to be more consistent.



37. Steve Avila

TCU • IOL • Senior (RS)

Avila is a physically imposing guard prospect with quick feet and power. In pass protection, he is quick out of his stance, chops his feet and delivers a strong two-hand punch. He anchors easily and looks for work when he's uncovered. He is very aware and has a nasty streak. In the run game, he runs his feet on contact and drives opponents off the line of scrimmage. He does a good job staying attached to blocks. If he loses his hand placement, he is quick to replace and recover. He is sudden as a puller and can unload when he stays on a single track. He has some issues when he has to adjust and redirect his feet in space. Overall, I love the size and temperament Avila possesses. He's going to be a solid starting guard right away at the next level.



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38. Luke Musgrave

Oregon State • TE • Senior

Musgrave is a tall, muscular tight end with elite play speed. Unfortunately, he missed all but two games of the 2022 season due to injury. He's sudden in his release and is a weapon running down the seam. He pulls away from second-level defenders and can naturally high point the football. He is more of a home run hitter than an option-route player at this point in his development. He is consistent catching balls on his frame, but he struggles to reel in low passes when on the move. After the catch, he has the speed to pull away. He is a willing blocker and can effectively shield/wall off at the point of attack. Overall, Musgrave isn't polished and he's missed time, but he has the potential to emerge as the top tight end in the class.



39. Cody Mauch

North Dakota State • OT • Senior (RS)

Mauch is an excellent athlete who plays with balance and awareness. In pass protection, he pops out of his stance, stays square and sinks his weight. The North Dakota State tape shows him effortlessly sliding and mirroring opponents. Defenders get to his chest on occasion and there is some concern about his lack of length. That might be a reason he kicks inside in the NFL, although he was able to anchor and settle against FCS competition. In the run game, he has a powerful inside arm to uproot defenders and he looks to finish them to the ground. He is excellent working up to the second level, redirecting and adjusting to moving targets. He smothers linebackers. Overall, I think Mauch might need some time to adjust to NFL competition, but he should settle in as a solid starter somewhere along the offensive line.



40. Keanu Benton

Wisconsin • DT • Senior

Benton possesses ideal size and quickness at defensive tackle. Against the pass, he uses his upper-body strength to uproot and displace blockers before flashing a closing burst. He needs to improve his pad level, though. There are too many instances when he pops right up, exposes his chest and gets walled off by blockers. When he plays low, he can generate knockback power. His effort is excellent. He is very stout against the run. He has quick hands to shoot and control blocks. Also, his speed and effort are apparent on the back side of plays. Overall, Benton has the tools to develop into a solid three-down player at the next level.



41. O'Cyrus Torrence

Florida • IOL • Senior

Torrence is a massive offensive guard with ideal instincts and play strength. In pass protection, he can bend his knees and play with balance. He has an immediate anchor and provides plenty of space for his QB to climb up into the pocket. He has strong hands to latch and control. He is very aware versus twists and stunts. In the run game, he can create movement with defenders over his nose and has surprising quickness to reach and cut off foes. He is quick to the second level, but he struggles to redirect and adjust in space. That should improve if he can drop 10-to-15 pounds. Teams that want to run downhill and create a firm interior in the pass game will really appreciate Torrence.



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42. Jalin Hyatt

Tennessee • WR • Junior

Hyatt is a thin-framed wide receiver with rare speed. At Tennessee over the past two years, he primarily lined up in the slot in Josh Heupel's spread attack, catching a ton of quick hitters and over-the-top balls. He is at his best when he can stay on the move without having to gear down and work back to the quarterback. He has easy speed, destroying cushions immediately, and he can find another gear with the ball in the air. He tracks the ball naturally over his shoulder and can make plays above the rim. After the catch, he isn't very shifty or elusive, but he can simply run away from tacklers. He enjoyed his best game this past season in Tennessee's thrilling win over Alabama, producing one big play after another in a five-touchdown bonanza. Overall, Hyatt is a home run hitter with reliable hands.

43. Mazi Smith



Michigan • DT • Junior (RS)

Smith is a powerful defensive tackle with sneaky quickness. As a pass rusher, he is primarily a push-the-pocket player, but he flashes a quick swim move and a violent club maneuver to generate pressure. If he doesn't win right away, he is going to do his best to collapse the pocket. He is dominant against the run. He can sink his weight and hold up versus single blocks and double teams. He doesn't have a lot of lateral range, but his effort is solid. As more teams line up with fewer defenders in the box, players like Smith will be in demand.



44. Sam LaPorta

Iowa • TE • Senior

LaPorta is a very athletic tight end who played in a very limited offense at Iowa. He lines up in-line, flexed in the slot and on the perimeter. He is a smooth, fluid route runner. He displays the route feel to set up defenders down the field. However, a large number of his targets came on quick outs and quick screens. Unfortunately, the ball placement didn't allow for many easy catches. He has a good number of drops, but the degree of difficulty was high on those plays. He has burst when given the opportunity to run after the catch. He is elusive to make defenders miss and he will flash a nice stiff-arm on occasion. He is an average run blocker, as he works to stay engaged, but falls off too often. Overall, LaPorta is a solid player who would have more buzz if he had played in a more dynamic college offense.



45. Trenton Simpson

Clemson • LB • Junior

Simpson is a tall, twitched-up, off-ball linebacker. He is excellent in man coverage. He has the speed and agility to mirror tight ends all over the field. He isn't as reliable when dropping into zone coverage; he is late to react, but his speed helps cover it up most of the time. He is an excellent blitzing and closes in a hurry. Also, Simpson is effective when spying the quarterback. Once he decides to go, he's a blur. Against the run, he's at his best when he can see from outside the box. He will get lost in the trash inside the box on occasion. Overall, I wish Simpson was a little more instinctive inside, but his speed and athleticism should translate well to the next level.



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46. Hendon Hooker

Tennessee • QB • Senior (RS)

Hooker is an ultra productive QB with size, accuracy and athleticism. He operates in the Vols' unique spread attack, where they send their outside wideouts to the extreme edges of the field and force opponents to defend them in space. Hooker has outstanding field vision, makes quick decisions and delivers the ball in a position where his receivers can easily run after the catch. He doesn't have a powerful arm, but he can make all the necessary throws. He throws a beautiful deep ball. He has the athleticism to extend plays and he's very effective on designed QB runs. Unfortunately, he suffered an ACL injury late in the season that could jeopardize his rookie campaign. Also, his age (25) is a concern for some teams. Overall, I see Hooker as a quality starting QB and wouldn't be shocked if he has the best career of any passer in this year's class.



47. Kelee Ringo

Georgia • CB • Sophomore (RS)

Ringo is a tall, thick cornerback prospect with outstanding straight-line speed. I love his blend of size, speed and competitiveness, but he has issues with tightness and doesn't always find the football. In press coverage, he carries his hands low, and if he allows a clean release, he is susceptible to inside cuts, especially slants. He has plenty of speed to carry vertical routes. He flashes big-time ball skills (see: his pick-six to sew up the 2021 national championship game), but in 2022, he had issues locating the ball in the air, resulting in multiple big plays and touchdowns allowed. He is very physical as a tackler against the run. Overall, Ringo is a work in progress. His success will depend on what he's asked to do at the next level. I wouldn't rule out a move to safety.



48. John Michael Schmitz

Minnesota • IOL • Senior (RS)

Schmitz is a strong, tough and reliable center prospect out of Minnesota. In the pass game, he plays with knee bend, balance and awareness. He uses his inside hand as an under hook to latch and control blockers. He is rarely out of position or driven back. In the run game, he can latch, sink his weight and create movement. He is under control working up to the second level. He lacks elite quickness and change of direction in space, but he's functional. Sources at the school rave about his leadership. Overall, Schmitz should be a quality starting center as soon as he enters the league.



49. Jack Campbell

Iowa • LB • Senior

Campbell is an off-the-ball linebacker with excellent size, instincts and range. He is quick to key and diagnose against the run. He's a firm/reliable tackler in the box. He is excellent at sniffing out screens and has the size/speed to carry tight ends down the seam. He does have some issues redirecting in space both in coverage and run support. A two-time team captain, he is regarded as an outstanding leader. Overall, Campbell might not be a wow player, but he's steady and dependable.



50. Zach Charbonnet

UCLA • RB • Senior

Charbonnet is a tall, physical running back. On inside runs, he is aggressive and decisive to attack the line of scrimmage. He runs a little high, but he can get skinny through the line of scrimmage, as well as drop a level and explode through tackles. He has excellent vision and instincts. He has enough speed to capture the edge, but doesn't spend much time moving east or west, preferring to get downhill as soon as possible. In the passing game, he had a couple concentration drops with the Bruins, but I don't worry about his hands. He is excellent after the catch and can make the free defender miss in space. In pass protection, he is aware, stays on balance and anchors down. Overall, I loved Charbonnet's 2021 tape -- and he was even better in 2022. He's a Day 1 starter.



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NOTE: Up/down arrows below reflect movement from my February rankings.

QUARTERBACKS

Rank 1		C.J. Stroud Ohio State - Sophomore (RS)
Rank 2		Bryce Young Alabama - Junior
Rank 3		Hendon Hooker Tennessee - Senior (RS)
Rank 4 NR ▲		Anthony Richardson Florida - Sophomore (RS)
Rank 5 1 ▼		Will Levis Kentucky - Senior (RS)

While the 2023 quarterback crop is an upgrade on the '22 group, it still lacks the pizzazz of certain classes from the recent vintage. That said, there are some quality signal-callers with the potential to evolve into long-term QB1s in the right environment. Stroud is the most prototypical prospect of the bunch, as a talented passer and playmaker with the requisite physical traits and tools. Although the Ohio State standout did not lean into his athleticism for most of his collegiate career, his spectacular performance against Georgia in the College Football Playoff could encourage coaches to explore his potential as a dual-threat playmaker at the next level. Young checks off numerous boxes of a franchise quarterback, but lacks the size and frame that old-school team builders covet. Despite the 2021 Heisman Trophy winner's production and performance as an exceptional passer from the pocket at Alabama, he could see his draft stock fall a bit due to his physical dimensions. Hooker is currently recovering from an ACL tear suffered in November and his advanced age (25) is a topic of conversation in the pre-draft process, but he's one of the more polished quarterbacks that you'll find when it comes to throwing with anticipation, timing and touch from the pocket. The athletic Tennessee product throws pinpoint darts to his intended targets at every range, deftly manages an offense and plays the game like a seasoned pro. Richardson is a freak athlete with Cam Newton-like tools as a dual-threat playmaker. Although his accuracy woes and limited experience (just 13 starts at Florida) make him a redshirt candidate as a rookie, Richardson could make his mark as a dynamic running threat early in his career while refining his skills as a passer. Levis is a wild card, as a talented passer and playmaker with A+ physical tools who didn't always put his best work on tape in 2022. The Kentucky product has flashed intriguing potential as a QB1 -- especially during the 2021 campaign -- but his spotty play makes him something of a boom-or-bust prospect.

DROPPED OUT: Tanner McKee, Stanford (previously No. 5)



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RUNNING BACKS

Rank 1		Bijan Robinson Texas - Junior
Rank 2		Jahmyr Gibbs Alabama - Junior
Rank 3		Zach Charbonnet UCLA - Senior
Rank 4		Devon Achane Texas A&M - Junior
Rank 5 NR ▲		Tyjae Spears Tulane - Junior (RS)

This RB class is loaded with potential starters, many of whom could come off the board in the middle rounds, given the devaluation of the position in the draft hierarchy. As the undisputed RB1 of the class, Robinson is a five-star player with top-10 talent and potential. The Texas standout is an old-school runner with the vision, balance, body control and power to run through or around defenders, and he flashes the ability to score from anywhere on the field. Gibbs is a jitterbug with dangerous stop-start quickness and burst. The Georgia Tech/Alabama product is a big-play machine with diverse skills to immediately excel as a change-of-pace/third-down back in the NFL. Charbonnet is a super-sized back with a throwback game. The UCLA star is a punishing runner with the vision, balance and body control to weave through traffic as a classic RB1. Achane is a lightweight playmaker with explosive quickness, acceleration and long speed. Although he lacks the size to handle a heavy workload in the NFL, the Texas A&M product could make a profound impact as a third-down back in a spread offense. Spears is the electric backfield playmaker that every offense could use. The Tulane star displays stellar stop-start quickness, as well as ballerina-like balance and body control with the ball in his hands.

DROPPED OUT: DeWayne McBride, UAB (previously No. 5)



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WIDE RECEIVERS

Rank
1



Jaxon Smith-Njigba
Ohio State • Junior

Rank
2



Zay Flowers
Boston College • Senior

Rank
3



Quentin Johnston
TCU • Junior

Rank
4



Jordan Addison
USC • Junior

Rank
5



Jalin Hyatt
Tennessee • Junior

While lacking a high-end prospect with Ja'Marr Chase-like potential, this year's wide receiver pool features a collection of intriguing pass catchers with polished games. Smith-Njigba is a blue-chipper with the skills to emerge in the NFL as a big-play specialist from the slot. Although he missed most of 2022 with a nagging hamstring injury, the Ohio State product checks off all of the boxes as a pass catcher with high-end potential on Sundays. Flowers is an explosive catch-and-run specialist with the speed and quickness to overwhelm defenders in one-on-one matchups. The Boston College standout is an A+ route runner with a dynamic game that could make him a nightmare to defend in the NFL. Johnston is a big, fast and physical playmaker with a knack for producing big gains on the perimeter. The TCU product is a bit of a body catcher, but his leaping ability and length make him a dangerous weapon on the outside in a vertical passing game. Addison is a route-running specialist with impeccable timing and precision. The 2021 Biletnikoff Award winner is a tough matchup on the perimeter as a versatile playmaker who can win from the slot or out wide. Hyatt is a speed demon with a knack for scoring touchdowns and delivering big plays. Although he is a bit of a one-trick pony with a limited route tree, the 2022 Biletnikoff Award winner is a vertical-stretch weapon with outstanding speed, quickness and burst.



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TIGHT ENDS

Rank
1



Michael Mayer
Notre Dame • Junior

Rank
2



Dalton Kincaid
Utah • Senior

Rank
3



Darnell Washington
Georgia • Junior

Rank
4



Luke Musgrave
Oregon State • Senior

Rank
5

NR ▲



Sam LaPorta
Iowa • Senior

The 2023 tight end class will intrigue coaches and scouts seeking basketball-like athletes with post-up skills and soft hands. Mayer is the cream of the crop as an old-school "Y" with strong hands and a nose for the end zone (18 touchdowns over three seasons at Notre Dame). Teams looking for a classic tight end will salivate over his potential as an impact player. Kincaid is a dynamic flex with outstanding route-running skills and sticky hands. Boasting extensive collegiate experience (two years at San Diego and three seasons with Utah), Kincaid is a plug-and-play prospect with the potential to make an immediate splash as a designated playmaker. At 6-foot-7 and 264 pounds, Washington is a super-sized tight end with a combination of skills that makes him a hybrid offensive tackle/perimeter pass catcher. The Georgia product obliterates defenders as a blocker on the edges, while also displaying soft hands and better-than-anticipated playmaking skills for a gigantic target. Musgrave is a prototypical flex with soft hands and excellent running skills. As a natural pass catcher with the potential to create mismatches on the perimeter due to a superior size-speed-athleticism combination, the Oregon State product is one of the gems of a loaded tight-end class. LaPorta is an underrated playmaker with intriguing tools as a pass-catching tight end. The Iowa standout is a crafty seam runner who can control the middle of the field as a secondary option in the passing game.

DROPPED OUT: Tucker Kraft, South Dakota State (previously No. 5)



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OFFENSIVE TACKLES

Rank 1		Paris Johnson Jr. Ohio State - Junior
Rank 2		Peter Skoronski Northwestern - Junior
Rank 3		Broderick Jones Georgia - Sophomore (RS)
Rank 4		Darnell Wright Tennessee - Senior
Rank 5 NR ▲		Anton Harrison Oklahoma - Junior

This group offers a solid collection of edge blockers with the size, length and movement skills to challenge elite pass rushers in isolated matchups. Johnson is an exceptional athlete with the size, strength and power to maul defenders in the run game and pass protection. He finishes blocks violently, showcasing an edginess that sets the tone for the rest of the front. Skoronski is a polished all-around blocker with superb technique and outstanding movement skills. The Northwestern standout excels at latching on and finishing blocks in space. Jones is a power player with the knock-back power to mash and maul defenders in the ground attack. In addition, he displays balance, body control and lateral quickness to shadow shifty pass rushers off the edge. At 6-5 and 333 pounds, Wright is a big edge blocker with heavy hands and a nasty temperament. The Tennessee product mauls opponents at the point of attack while flashing enough balance and body control to be effective as a road grader or pass protector on the quarterback's front side. Harrison is a raw player with intriguing tools and talent. The extra-long bookend flashes impressive movement skills in action, but needs some skill refinement to become a solid pro starter.

DROPPED OUT: Cody Mauch, North Dakota State (previously No. 5)



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INTERIOR BLOCKERS

Rank 1		O'Cyrus Torrence Florida · Senior
Rank 2		John Michael Schmitz Minnesota · Senior (RS)
Rank 3 1 ▲		Steve Avila TCU · Senior (RS)
Rank 4 1 ▼		Luke Wypler Ohio State · Sophomore (RS)
Rank 5 NR ▲		Joe Tippmann Wisconsin · Junior (RS)

The 2023 NFL Draft is loaded with talented interior blockers possessing the capacity to play guard or center. The versatility will enable teams to peg the majority of the top prospects as swing players with the potential to fill multiple spots in the lineup. Torrence is the crown jewel of the class as a massive (6-5, 330 pounds) interior blocker with heavy hands and explosive power. The Louisiana/Florida product flashes dominant ability as a people mover in the ground game, while displaying enough quickness and skill to handle top interior rushers in pass protection. Schmitz is an athletic center with the movement skills to pull, climb and reach defenders at the line of scrimmage or on the second level. In addition, the Minnesota pivot plays with the edginess that most offensive coaches covet in front-line players. Avila is a rock-solid pass protector with the strength, power, balance and body control to anchor against elite interior rushers. The TCU product plays with quick hands and active feet to stop defenders in their tracks. Though Avila could play with more aggression in the run game, the talented technician plays winning football at the point of attack. Wypler is a polished technician with the movement skills to excel on pulls or climb-blocks in space. The Ohio State standout is Day 1 ready, with a toolbox that could make him an immediate difference-maker as a rookie. Tippmann is an athletic pivot with outstanding instincts and awareness. The Wisconsin product is a high-IQ player with the tools and intangibles to develop into a solid starter early in his career.

DROPPED OUT: Andrew Vorhees, USC (previously No. 5)



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EDGE DEFENDERS

Rank
1



Will Anderson Jr.
Alabama • Junior

Rank
2



Tyree Wilson
Texas Tech • Senior (RS)

Rank
3



Lukas Van Ness
Iowa • Sophomore (RS)

Rank
4



Keion White
Georgia Tech • Senior (RS)

Rank
5



Myles Murphy
Clemson • Junior

This year's edge crop features an intriguing collection of sack artists and disruptive playmakers. Anderson is the biggest prize as a high-energy defender with A+ athleticism and pass-rush skills. He's a monster off the edge with the tools that should help him blossom into a double-digit sack artist early in his NFL career. Wilson is a heavy-handed power rusher with outstanding size and length. The Texas Tech product is a disruptive force at the line of scrimmage with rock-solid skills as a run defender and pass rusher. Van Ness is a versatile front-line defender with a high-revving motor that overwhelms opponents. The Iowa standout offers position flexibility and is a rugged player at the point of attack with outstanding skills as a run stopper/pass rusher. White plays like a bull in a china shop, utilizing an assortment of power maneuvers to create chaos in the backfield. The Georgia Tech standout overwhelms blockers with his relentless approach and non-stop energy. Murphy is an explosive edge defender with outstanding snap-count anticipation and first-step quickness. The Clemson star is a natural pass rusher with the bend-and-burst ability to develop into an annual double-digit sack producer.



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DEFENSIVE TACKLES

Rank 1		Jalen Carter Georgia • Junior
Rank 2		Bryan Bresee Clemson • Sophomore (RS)
Rank 3 NR ▲		Calijah Kancey Pittsburgh • Junior (RS)
Rank 4 1 ▲		Mazi Smith Michigan • Junior (RS)
Rank 5 NR ▲		Adetomiwa Adebawore Northwestern • Senior

The 2023 DT pool offers some high-end prospects with blue-chip potential. NFL teams are fully examining Carter's character after he pleaded no contest to reckless driving and racing charges related to a fatal crash in January. A lackluster pro day only furthered concerns. Strictly assessing the film, Carter is an extra-large freak athlete with a disruptive presence. The All-American flashes a rare combination of explosive first-step quickness and heavy hands as a destructive run stopper/pocket pusher. Bresee is a versatile interior defender with the capacity to play nose tackle or three-technique in a 3-4 or 4-3 scheme. The former No. 1 overall recruit is an active player at the line of scrimmage with quick hands and dynamic finishing skills. Kancey is a squatty-bodied interior pass rusher with exceptional first-step quickness and athleticism. He is not an Aaron Donald clone, but his disruptive skills as an explosive, undersized DT out of Pitt predictably draw comparisons to the three-time Defensive Player of the Year. Smith is an elite athlete with intriguing tools as an interior defender. He flashes disruptive potential, but needs some skill refinement to become a more consistent player at the next level. Adebawore has surged up the charts after a spectacular performance at the NFL Scouting Combine led evaluators to take a comprehensive look at his tape. The Northwestern standout is a worker bee with a knack for making plays with extra effort. Although his game has not caught up to his athleticism, Adebawore's tools and talent make him an intriguing prospect as an interior pass rusher.

DROPPED OUT: Siaki Ika, Baylor (previously No. 3); Keeanu Benton, Wisconsin (previously No. 4)



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LINEBACKERS

Rank 1		Drew Sanders Arkansas • Junior
Rank 2 NR ▲		Nolan Smith Georgia • Senior
Rank 3 1 ▼		Trenton Simpson Clemson • Junior
Rank 4 1 ▼		Jack Campbell Iowa • Senior
Rank 5 1 ▼		Henry To'oTo'o Alabama • Senior

Seeking tackling machines with outstanding instincts and high football IQs? You've come to the right place! Sanders is a throwback linebacker with the size, strength and awareness to control the middle. With the Alabama/Arkansas product also displaying disruptive pass-rush skills, defensive coordinators will salivate over his potential as an impactful second-level defender. Smith is a standup edge defender with the versatility to play multiple spots on the second level. The Georgia star could fill a void as a DPR (designated pass rusher) or play in the box as a run-and-chase defender. With unique traits and rare athleticism, the combine star is surging up the charts. Simpson is an athletic playmaker with outstanding instincts and awareness. The Clemson star is a rangy defender with the speed and quickness to run with tight ends down the seam or attack the quarterback off the edges. Campbell is an old-school thumper with the instincts, range and diagnostic skills to own the tackle-to-tackle box. He has a strong nose for the ball, with a knack for taking it away as a run stopper/pass defender. To'oTo'o is an instinctive playmaker with a knack for finding the ball in traffic. The Alabama product is a tackling machine with the requisite sideline-to-sideline range to make plays inside and outside of the box.

DROPPED OUT: Noah Sewell, Oregon (previously No. 5)



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CORNERBACKS

Rank 1		Devon Witherspoon Illinois • Senior
Rank 2 1 ▲		Christian Gonzalez Oregon • Junior
Rank 3 1 ▼		Joey Porter Jr. Penn State • Junior (RS)
Rank 4		Cam Smith South Carolina • Junior (RS)
Rank 5 NR ▲		Emmanuel Forbes Mississippi State • Junior

This corner crop features a series of instinctive cover men with ball skills and playmaking ability. Witherspoon is a natural CB1 with the movement skills, instincts and awareness to hold his own in coverage. The Illinois product also displays a willingness to mix it up in run defense as a rock-solid tackler who enjoys the physical part of the game. He's a tone-setter. Gonzalez is an aggressive ballhawk with a gambler's mentality. He has a knack for making plays on the ball, and his superb awareness could make him an impact player early in his pro career. Porter Jr. possesses the size, bloodlines (his father is indeed former All-Pro edge defender Joey Porter) and overall awareness to develop into a blue-chip cover corner in the NFL. The Penn State standout is ideally suited to play in a man-to-man scheme that enables him to challenge wideouts at the line of scrimmage with his length and feisty temperament. Smith is an instinctive cover corner with outstanding eyes, instincts and ball skills. The South Carolina product is ideally suited to play in a zone scheme, enabling him to showcase his strengths as a playmaker. Forbes raised some eyebrows when he weighed in at the combine at a rail-thin 166 pounds, but he also blazed a 4.35-second 40-yard dash. Not to mention, his extraordinary playmaking ability is undeniable: Over three years at Mississippi State, Forbes intercepted 14 passes, setting an NCAA record with six career pick-sixes.

DROPPED OUT: Kelee Ringo, Georgia (previously No. 5)



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SAFETIES

Rank
1



Brian Branch
Alabama • Junior

Rank
2



Antonio Johnson
Texas A&M • Junior

Rank
3



Jordan Battle
Alabama • Senior

2 ▲

Rank
4



Ji'Ayir Brown
Penn State • Senior

1 ▼

Rank
5



Sydney Brown
Illinois • Senior

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The evolution of the safety position at the NFL level makes this 2023 group an enticing collection of talent. Teams looking for center fielders and nickel corner types will love the group. Branch is a hybrid defender ideally suited to line up in the slot. The Alabama standout has a great feel for playing in traffic and his solid tackling skills will serve him well as the extra defensive back on the field. Johnson is a polished slot defender with outstanding awareness and instincts. The Texas A&M product is an aggressive hitter with a strong nose for the ball and rock-solid tackling skills. Battle is an old-school box safety with an enforcer's mentality and A+ tackling skills. As a big hitter with outstanding range, vision and instincts, the Alabama product is a perfect down safety in a single-high scheme. Ji'Ayir Brown is a takeaway bandit with superb instincts, awareness and ball skills. He has a nose for the football, and his ability to create splash plays makes him a valuable asset despite his athletic deficiencies. Sydney Brown is a well-rounded athlete with speed, quickness and explosion, making him a potential difference-maker as a safety/special teams contributor. As an HWS (height-weight-speed) prospect with A+ traits, the Illinois star could shoot up the board on draft day.

DROPPED OUT: Jammie Robinson, Florida State (previously No. 4)